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Sadat studies Begin's letter

EL MINYA, Egypt Dec. 6 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat, on a morale-boosting whistle-stop train trip to Upper Egypt, huddled with his vice president to study a letter from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin but remained non-committal on the contents.

"I just read the letter, I'd like to read it again and study it," Sadat told reporters.

Sadat also said he "welcomed the idea" of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's trip to Egypt Sunday, seen by observers here as an attempt to break the stalemate in Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty negotiations.

In a brief talk with journalists, Sadat said nothing more about the Middle East impasse.

But in between stops on the four-hour train ride, Sadat and Vice President Hosni Mubarak had Begin's letter on a wooden table and went over it repeatedly.

Saudi leaders receive Byrd

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — King Khaled received here Wednesday U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd, senate majority leader who is visiting the country.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Rashad Naran, special adviser to the king, and U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia John West. Byrd later conferred with Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Prince Sultan, defense minister, and Sheikh Khalid bin Abdulaziz, the king's brother, also met with Byrd.

Another Senator visiting the Kingdom, Michael Gravel of Alaska said he was pleased with the progress of Saudi-American relations and the fast development of economic and cultural cooperation between them. He said that Saudi

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Presidential aides said there would be no comment until Sadat examined the letter thoroughly. The letter was delivered to Sadat late Tuesday via American diplomatic channels. It is the Israeli response to a letter from Sadat outlining Egypt's objections to a U.S. draft treaty.

Reports from Israel said Begin rejected Sadat's proposals on linkage of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to clear-cut autonomy for the Palestinians and Egypt's contention that the treaty should not take precedence over Cairo's previous commitments to collective Arab defense.

But State Department spokesmen said President Carter decided to send Vance to the area during a White House meeting Monday night, after seeing the text of a letter from Begin, apparently rejecting a proposal by Sadat for a timetable for establishment of local governments in the West Bank and Gaza.

As recently as 18 hours before the announcement, State Department officials were flatly denying that Vance was planning a trip to the Middle East. It will be his eighth trip to the area since taking office.

State Department spokesman George Sherman said Vance plans to be back in Washington by the middle of next week, but officials said they could not rule out the possibility that other stops will be added to Vance's itinerary—even, perhaps, a brief shuttle

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Waldheim airs concern

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 6 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is "very much concerned" about Israel's demolition of houses belonging to Palestinians on the West Bank, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman added that it was "in clear contravention of the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly."

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YEMENI LEADER: President Ali Abdullah Saleh of the Yemen Arab Republic with Crown Prince Fahd in Riyadh. President Saleh left Riyadh for Abu Dhabi following a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

North Yemen, Saudi Arabia to consolidate relations

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia and North Yemen agreed to consolidate their relations and expand cooperation in various political and economic spheres, according to a joint communique issued Wednesday at the end of a two-day visit to the Kingdom by President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The two countries agreed to continue contacts "with a view to increasing ways and means of joint coordination."

A "Joint Coordination Council" has been meeting periodically in Riyadh and Sanaa

for several years. The Saudi side is led by Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation while the Yemeni side is led by Abdullah Asnag, minister of foreign affairs.

The council met in Riyadh Wednesday. After Wednesday's meeting Asnag said that a technical committee has been formed to prepare a report on the joint projects being carried out.

Saudi Arabia finances several major projects in North Yemen and extends financial aid to the Yemeni budget.

Asnag said the visit of Col. Saleh, his first since becoming

president in June, was "fruitful and very successful," and will strengthen the "special relationship between the two countries."

He said that Saleh was gratified to see that King Khaled was in good health following his recent operation.

The Yemeni leader and his accompanying delegation left for Abu Dhabi later in the day on an official visit to the United Arab Emirates.

He was greeted on arrival by UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan and other top officials.

Foreigners leaving Iran

Two opposition leaders released

TEHRAN, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Iranian authorities Wednesday night released two opposition leaders, Dr. Karim Sanjabi and Dariush Forouhar, after detaining them for almost a month.

Their colleagues at the head of the opposition National Front Party, Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, told Reuters they had been freed and were now at their homes.

Meanwhile Tehran residents stocked up on essential foods and cash reserves in an atmosphere of uneasy calm leading up to Sunday and Monday—the key days of Tasu's and Ashura in a month of mourning by Shi'ite Muslims who make up 90 per cent of Iran's population.

No one doubts the two days could turn into a political storm for the Shah. But equally, the mourning period—one of several climaxes in recent months to the monarch's battle to retain power—could become a silent trial of strength between the military government and its opponents.

In Tehran Wednesday Americans and other foreigners,

mostly wives and children, left Iran in what is becoming a mass exodus because of the widening violence and the fear it will get worse.

Scores of American families from the industrial city of Isfahan, south of Tehran, flew out to the U.S. as violence splintered around the country.

"We're not taking any chances," a woman said as she sat in the lobby of the Tehran Hilton waiting to go to the airport. "These troubles are getting on our nerves. We've had death threats and abuse and we've just had enough. I don't know if we'll come back again."

The U.S., British and other embassies in the capital issued warnings to their nationals to "stay off the streets" in the coming days as fears grew about major showdown during the holy month of Moharram.

Diplomatic sources here estimated that as many as 8,000 foreigners, including some 5,500 American dependents, have left the country in the last two months.

On the industrial front, a

strike by oil workers protesting the Shah's regime spread Wednesday cutting production of the world's second biggest oil exporter to half the normal six million barrels a day, according to informed sources at the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC).

About 60 tankers—five times the normal number—are lying idle off the main loading point for Iranian oil at Kharg Island in the gulf owing to the strike in the oilfields, oil industry

Kingdom, Kuwait urge Arabs to unify ranks

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Wednesday called for the mobilization of all resources to bolster Arab solidarity and urged Arab states to promote the unity of their ranks and settle all differences in a constructive dialogue.

The call came in a joint communique issued at the end of a five-day official visit to the Kingdom by Kuwaiti Heir Apparent and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

The communique said the Saudi-Kuwaiti talks "centered on developments of the Arab issue and their viewpoints were in agreement on the necessity to consecrate all resources for strengthening Arab solidarity—the pillar of the might of the Arab nation and its most effective weapons at this decisive stage of its history."

The two sides also "affirmed the necessity to preserve this solidarity and settle all differences through brotherly and constructive dialogue and eliminate all that may be detrimental to the effectiveness of this solidarity in the confrontation of the great dangers and challenges that are threatening the Arab nation," the communique said.

It said the present stage requires the mobilization of "all Arab capabilities to promote the unity of Arab ranks, and realize the Arabs' common objective."

The communique said the two sides also expressed their interest in keeping the Gulf region "a zone of security, peace and stability away from international struggles."

It called for the establishment of close relations among Gulf states to be based on "strong foundations of mutual respect, organized coordination and effective solidarity."

On bilateral cooperation, the two sides affirmed their determination "to pursue joint efforts to bolster cooperation in various spheres" and agreed to enlarge the joint Saudi-Kuwaiti economic commission, presently consisting of the ministers of foreign affairs.

The new commission will also group the ministers of finance.

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Iraq ready to back minimal oil price hike

BAGHDAD, Dec. 6 (R) — Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim said in an interview published Wednesday that his country would support a minimal oil price increase at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting next week.

But he added his delegation would support a change from the present policy of pricing oil in dollars.

The weekly magazine "Alif Ba" quoted the minister as saying that Iraq would support "a minimal increase to adjust oil prices acceptable to OPEC's majority for the sake of the organization's unity and preservation."

Abdul Karim's statement was another clear indication that Iraq was moving away from its previous hawkish stand on the oil price question.

He said last month that he would not seek full compensation for losses in purchasing power over the past two years resulting from inflation and the decline in value of the dollar.

Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil exporter, heads a group of OPEC moderates who want to keep any price rise to a minimum. The last increase was to \$12.70 a barrel in January, 1977.

Abdul Karim said Iraq still wanted to take "the necessary measures to compensate oil-producing countries for heavy

losses sustained as a result of inflation, for which the industrial states are to blame."

He called for a suitable formula to compensate for the decline in the dollar's value.

"Although some OPEC states still oppose taking any measures in this connection for several reasons, Iraq is confident that the sharp deterioration of the dollar in the last few months has reached a point difficult to condone," he said.

His delegation would support "any proposal to solve the problem of the dollar, such as linking it to a basket of currencies."

"There is no economic justification to refrain from using a substitute currency for the dollar," Abdul Karim said.

Abdul Karim's interview appeared shortly before United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Otaiba flew home from Baghdad after a brief visit to Iraq and oil policy talks with his Iraqi counterpart.

The Iraq News Agency said Otaiba also met Saddam Hussein, vice chairman of the ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, and conveyed to him a message from UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan.

Otaiba arrived in Baghdad from Riyadh where he held talks with Saudi leaders on subjects on the agenda of OPEC's Dec. 16 conference.

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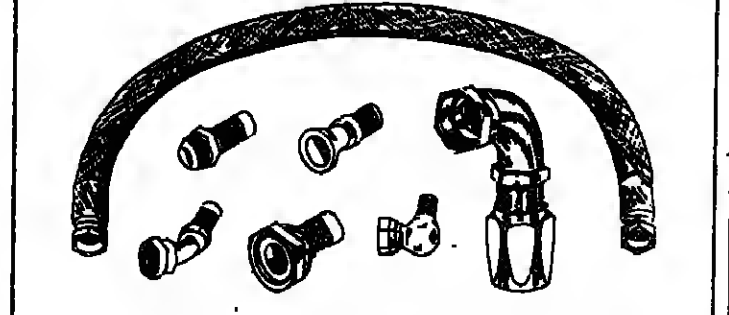
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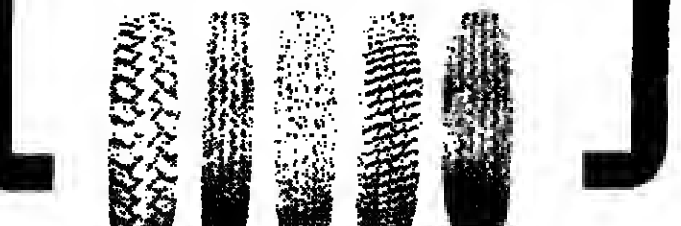
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Kingdom will be first in liquid gas exports, Japan delegation told

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will be the world's major exporter of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) when the gas recovery project is completed in 1985, officials of Petromin, the state petroleum and minerals organization, told a visiting delegation from Japan's energy industry Wednesday.

The board of Petromin reviewed with the 15-man Japanese group Saudi plans to com-

mence exports of LPG in 1980/1981 and future supplies of LPG for Japan.

The Japanese delegation, which arrived in Saudi Arabia Tuesday, comprises members of the Japan Middle East Cooperation Center, the Japanese Power Company, the Energy Economics Research Institute and the Mitsubishi Corporation. It has already visited Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates for talks on LPG development and supply and flies to Cairo Thursday.

On arrival in Dhahran Tuesday the group toured the Abqaiq oilfield and Aramco production facilities.

It was announced Wednesday that Petromin Deputy Governor Jamal Hassan Jawa, will fly to Abu Dhabi Saturday to attend meetings of the executive committee of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, beginning the same day.

2nd Saudi paper gets Egypt ban

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The Egyptian authorities have banned the Saudi daily newspaper "Okaz," according to "Asharq Al-Awsat" Wednesday. The London-based paper said the reason for the ban was not known but remarked that it followed the suppression in Egypt of another Saudi daily, "Al-Riyadh."

Local Briefs

●RIYADH, Dec. 6 — A Saudi delegation left here for Doha Wednesday to attend a meeting of labor and social welfare experts of the Gulf states. The delegation is led by Muhammad Nafi, chairman of the supreme council for the arbitration of industrial disputes.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — Director of Education for Riyadh, Dr. Hamad Al-Salloum conferred Wednesday with the area's officials and briefed them on the ministry's educational programs and the redistribution of teachers to avoid shortages.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Wednes-

day signed four contracts totalling SR 23,429,000 for road surfacing in various districts of the capital.

●JEDDAH, — All Governors of all Provinces, towns and villages have been requested to report sightings of locusts, which appear in areas in which no control teams are stationed. "Okaz" reported Wednesday. A note sent to the governors said the climate was favorable for the massing of swarms in several areas, especially in the south and south-western regions. The Agriculture Research Center here has received cables of sightings of desert locusts which may be a prelude for a full invasion from the Sudan and Ethiopia, the paper said.



PREMIER: Kuwaiti Premier Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah is seen off at Jeddah Airport by Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz at the end of his five-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

4.5 km. long

Farisi, consultants discuss flyover

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Mayor of Jeddah Muhammad Said Farisi confirmed Wednesday that the municipality intends to construct a flyover 4.5 kilometers long to ease traffic conditions in the city.

Speaking after a meeting with consultants to discuss new projects for Jeddah, the mayor said that the flyover will extend from Sharafiah to the sea port.

The mayor also said that a section of the Corniche coast-road project, a six-kilometer stretch from the coast-guard station to Hamra would be ready in a month. A further 14 kilometers are being constructed from Hamra to a point on the coast parallel with the cement factory on Medina Road. The two sections will cost SR100 million.

Other projects discussed at Wednesday's meeting was the closing of King Abdul Aziz Street to motor traffic and the construction of a multi-storey car park for 1,000 vehicles between the street and the seafront. The car park will be constructed in prestressed steel in Arabesque style and is to be ready in eight months.

The mayor has formed a working group to provide more efficient liaison between the municipality and the various consultancy firms working on Jeddah projects.

This was revealed at a session Tuesday of the city's

Saudi officer finds SR2m and returns it

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — A Saudi officer opened his suitcase on arrival at home in Medina from Jeddah to find it wasn't his suitcase and it contained SR 2 million.

According to "Al-Bilad" Wednesday, Capt. Abdullah Abu Ghamri informed the authorities at Medina Airport of the suitcase mix-up. They traced its owner, a bank employee who was transferring the funds to a Medina branch.

The bank has sent Abu Ghamri cable of thanks.

Higher Planning Committee to review problems in Jeddah's road network.

Diversion

The committee discussed the diversion of the 78-meter-wide Andalusi Street which passes the seaward side of the guest palace in Hamra. The committee considered bends on sections of the road as two sharp for the volume of traffic it is expected to carry and recommended connecting the street directly to the sea and constructing a flyover.

The Hamra section will remain unchanged.

License crackdown

Meanwhile, Jeddah Traffic Department is cracking down on unlicensed drivers, "Okaz" reported Wednesday.

Traffic patrols began inspections Tuesday afternoon near Palestine Square to check private cars taxis or trucks without license.

According to "Okaz", traffic police Tuesday evening penalized a number of drivers whose vehicles were towed off to the department's pound. Highway Patrol Chief Capt. Abdullah Roqban said that the spot inspections will continue on main roads and side streets.

Agriculture, a new town

Kingdom aids development in Niger

By Farouk Lugman
JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — Saudi Arabia is financing the construction of a town, the building of grain silos and development of stock breeding in Niger, according to Foreign Minister Maj. A.M. Djermakoye.

During a one-day stopover in Jeddah to perform the out-of-season pilgrimage in Mecca, Djermakoye said talks were being held between the two countries on Saudi contributions to the development of hydroelectric power along the 2,600-kilometer Niger River, the third longest in Africa.

The town, which is to be named after King Faisal, will provide housing for the poor at low rents, he said.

Djermakoye arrived from Kuwait where he attended meetings Tuesday of the permanent committee of the Council for Afro-Arab Cooperation, created by the Afro-Arab summit conference in Cairo last year.

At the Cairo summit, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, surprised delegates by pledging \$1 billion in aid for African development.

Channel

Much of Arab aid for Africa is channelled through the Arab Bank for the Development of Africa (BADEA). The Arab Fund for Technical Assistance in Africa provides consultancy services and is designing a \$250 million dam on the Niger, but no funds have yet been committed, he said. In all, there are 34 Arab experts working on project preparation in Niger.

"Afro-Arab economic cooperation is a long road," Djermakoye said, "but the Kuwait meeting is step in the right direction."

Asked to comment on foreign military intervention in Africa, from both communist countries and the West, Djermakoye said that Niger was against any form of intervention but each country was entitled to its own view.

"Ideally, Africa could solve its own problems peacefully. If Africans could settle their differences themselves there-



Maj. Djermakoye

would be no need for the kind of foreign assistance which, as in Eritrea, might only bring foreign and colonial influences

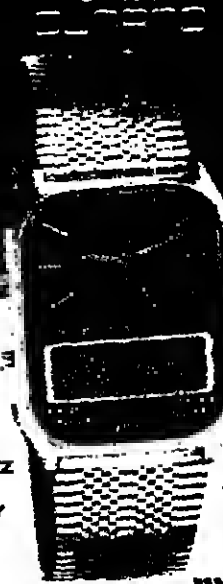
back to the continent", he said. He made an exception, however, for the liberation movements in Rhodesia and Namibia. "In such cases, we should be justified in seeking aid from whatever quarter it will provide it", he said.

Target
Africa is a constant target for foreign ambitions because of its potential wealth and strategic importance, he said. It is already a cause of great power conflict", he said.

Djermakoye said that the organization of African Unity by no means ineffective in solving African problems.

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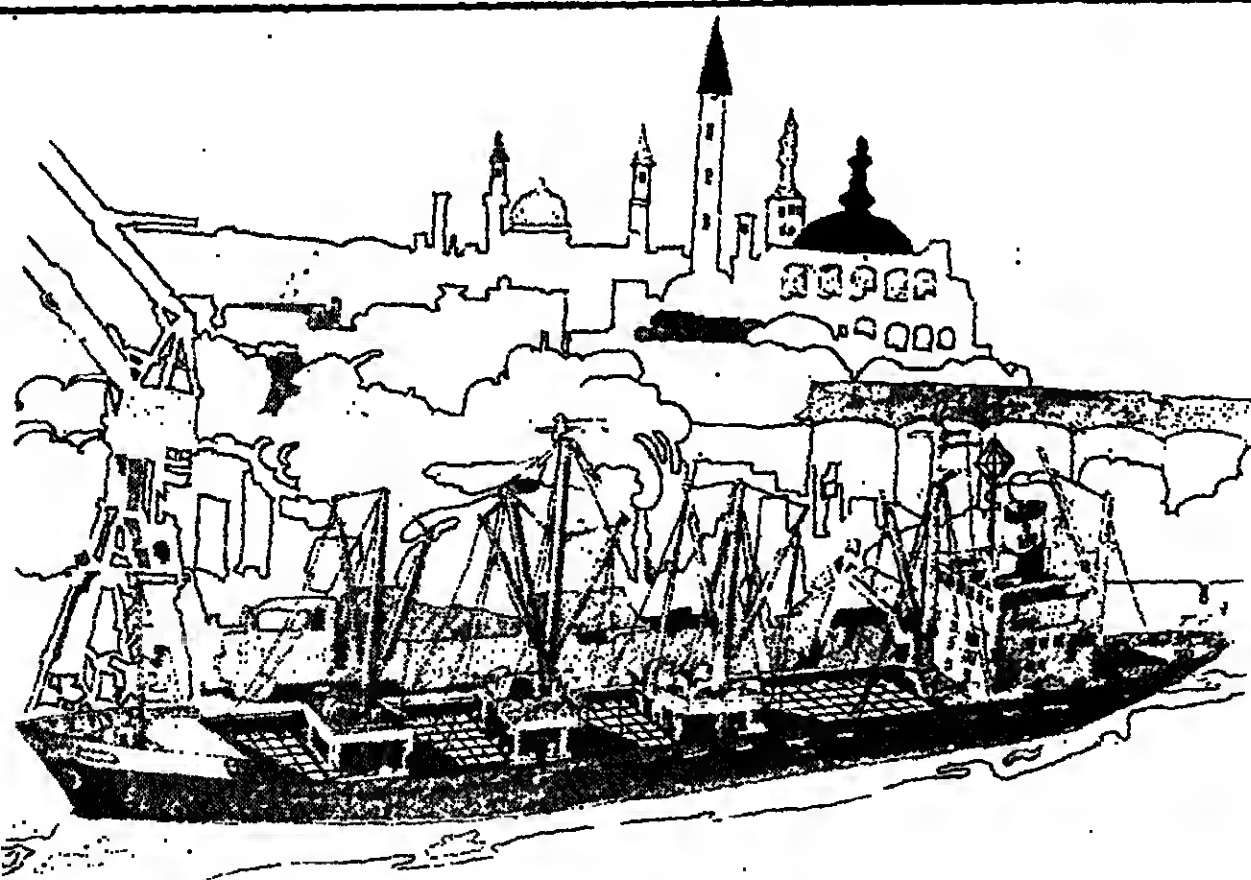
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Bulgarian envoy to leave Cairo

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (R) — The Bulgarian ambassador to Egypt Wednesday prepared to leave for home following Cairo's diplomatic break with Sofia over a shooting incident at the embassy here.

There was no word on whether a Bulgarian guard accused by Egyptian authorities of using his gun during the incident would also leave. The guard, Alexander Trimanov, does not have diplomatic immunity and is in custody.

The Egyptians have accused Bulgarian embassy staff of beating an Egyptian family living in an apartment in the embassy building and of using firearms to disperse Egyptians trying to help the family.

The ambassador, Georgi Vladikov, was working out with Egyptian authorities the final details of the departure of the nine-man mission and other staff from Cairo. The Foreign Ministry said Vladikov would leave Thursday.

Meanwhile Bulgarian newspapers accused President Anwar Sadat of using a ten-man dispute at Bulgaria's Cairo embassy to divert public attention from difficulties in the current Middle East peace talks.

15 Ethiopians killed in Afar ambush

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The Afar Liberation Front forces killed at least 15 Ethiopian troops in an ambush near Suhala, on the Addis Ababa-Assab road, a front official said here Wednesday.

The official, who declined to be named, said the front forces ambushed an Ethiopian convoy of two trucks loaded with munitions and destroyed four other fuel tankers. He claimed that the front's forces suffered no casualties.

The Afar Liberation Front is fighting Ethiopian forces in the province of Afar, northeast of Ethiopia, to gain independence.

"These acts of Cairo are directly connected with the atmosphere of ill-concealed nervousness and growing tension in the country stemming from the obvious failure of the separatist course launched by President Sadat," the daily "Zemledelsko Zname" said.

The Communist party daily "Rabotnichesko Delo" said the motives for the dispute, which led to police occupation of the embassy, "should be sought in Cairo's recent course of leading Egypt ever further away from the Egyptian people's true and sincere friends — the Socialist countries."

Jordan quits Cairo medical conference

AMMAN, Dec. 6 (R) — Jordan's delegation to the 10th medical conference in Cairo has withdrawn from the conference in protest against Israeli participation.

Dr. Soheil Khalaf, leader of the delegation, arrived in Cairo late Friday to learn that a two-man Israeli delegation was attending — a question he raised with the chairman of the conference, Dr. Maher Mahran of Egypt.

Dr. Khalaf said Dr. Mahran tried to persuade him that it was a scientific conference and had nothing to do with politics.

"It is the tradition that if an international conference is held in an Arab country no Israeli delegation is allowed to attend."

Pope sends delegation to Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Papal envoy Cardinal Paolo Bertoli arrived from the Vatican late Wednesday afternoon, official Beirut radio said. Bertoli, who is on a reconciliation mission to Lebanon, aimed at bolstering efforts of the government to find a solution to the Lebanese crisis, was accompanied by a delegation from the Vatican.

Arabs adhere to boycott principles

DUBAI, Dec. 6 (R) — Arab states meeting here for the annual conference of the Arab Economic Unity Council have reasserted their adherence to the principles of the Arab economic boycott of Israel and asked for a report on the possible effects on this boycott of the signing on an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, an official spokesman said Wednesday.

But the Abu Dhabi newspaper "Al-Ihtihad" said Egypt and Sudan objected at Tuesday's closed session of the 13-member council to a report on the subject by council Secretary-General Fakhri Kaddouri.

The spokesman said Dr. Kaddouri, an Iraqi, had reported to the closed session "on the complications and dangers that would arise if Egypt and Israel were to establish relations after signing a peace treaty."

The council "took note of the report, re-affirmed the resolutions of the boycott of Israel office and instructed the council secretariat to draw-up a study of the possible negative effects of the establishment of relations" between Egypt and Israel.

M.E. Briefs

● AMMAN: — Amin Hafez, chairman of the Lebanese Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee, had talks Wednesday with Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran and chairman of the National Consultative Council Ahmed al-Lawzy. Amman radio said.

● AMMAN: — Royal court chief Abdul Hamid Sharaf flew to Tripoli Wednesday to deliver a message from King Hussein to Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi. Amman radio said.

● CAIRO: — Presidential aide Mamdouh Salem departed Wednesday for Lagos to begin a tour in nine west African nations.

West Bank students protest bulldozing Palestinian homes

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Palestinian students demonstrated in the major West Bank city of Ramallah Wednesday and shopowners shuttered their stores to protest the razing of the home of a suspected commando in a neighboring town.

Military sources said students who gathered in front of town hall dispersed peacefully on orders of crack Israeli border guards. An earlier report, broadcast twice on the state-run radio, said the border guards used force to disperse the demonstrators.

Witnesses said Ramallah was quiet after the incident. The radio report said the students shouted anti-Israeli slogans and blocked roads with rock barricades before converging on town hall for the protest rally.

Shopowners shuttered their stores but later reopened them

oo orders from the military.

The Ramallah incidents came two days after Israeli authorities ordered the demolition of a two-story stone house in the village of Silwad, owned by the father of a 16-year-old Palestinian suspected of being a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Notables in Silwad charged that the military governor ignored a restraining order handed down by the supreme court but military authorities claimed the order did not reach them in time.

200-bed hospital

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Libya has decided to build a 200-bed hospital in south Philippines as a gift to the Muslim inhabitants of the territory, the state-run Libyan radio said Wednesday.

Israeli students to survey Negev

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (R) — Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin suggested that archeology students leave their classrooms to undertake a crash research program in the Negev before Israel's army moves there from Sinai under a proposed Israel-Egyptian peace treaty.

He told reporters the government had allocated 10 million Israeli pounds (about \$500,000) for an archeological survey of the region.

Experts have complained that the establishment of many major army bases and

airfields in Israel's southern Negev region, to replace those to be evacuated from the Sinai, could cause irreparable damage to ancient sites.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of sites with remains of our ancient heritage, from pre-Biblical and from Biblical times," Yadin claimed.

Scaffolding has changed in Saudi Arabia

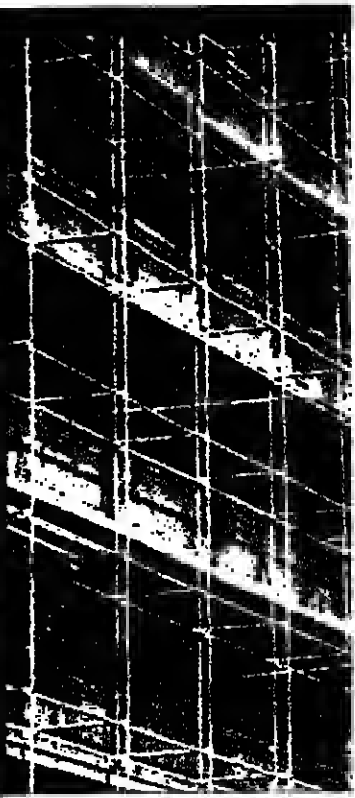
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Gen. Brown dies after long illness

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (R) — Gen. George Brown former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and one of America's most colorful and outspoken military officers, has died in hospital of cancer. He was 60.

The general, who retired on June 20 after nearly four years of service in the country's top military post, died at Andrews Air Force Base Medical Center Tuesday night.

But his four decades of military service, which included duty as a World War II pilot

and a top commander in Vietnam between 1968 and 1970 and earned him many decorations, were at times overshadowed by the general's controversial remarks.

He caused two major stirs with remarks in 1974 about Jews and in 1976 about Israel, Britain and the Shah of Iran.

Gen. Brown said that the Jews "own, you know, the banks in the country, the newspapers. You just look at where the Jewish money is in this country."

In another interview he said that Israel was a military burden on the United States, and also made remarks derogatory to Britain and the Shah.

About Iran: "Gosh, the (military) programs the Shah has coming, it just makes you wonder whether he doesn't some day have visions of the Persian empire."

He was rebuked by then President Gerald Ford after both interviews, but was allowed to keep his job.



General George Brown

FBI fires 2 agents for breaking the law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (R) — The FBI Wednesday fired two agents and took disciplinary action against four others for illegal activities in connection with a probe of the radical Weathermen group in the early 1970s.

Among the illegal practices cited were break-ins, wiretaps and the opening of mail.

But FBI Director William Webster said no action would be taken against 59 other agents, whom he described as simply following orders.

The two agents being dismissed were supervisors, he said. A third supervisor would be demoted, a fourth suspended for 30 days and two street agents who acted outside their orders would be censured, he added.

U.S. admits dismissing cult's threat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP) — "Psychological ploy," was how a U.S. official last summer discounted a threat by Peoples Temple cult members that they would commit mass suicide if their leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, should lose a child custody suit, federal officials say.

It was the first time since the mass murder-suicide 18 days ago that the State Department has acknowledged that aides to Jones discussed the possibility of collective suicide with U.S. officials.

The review of possible civil rights violations by the FBI is result of the close scrutiny under which American law enforcement agencies have come in recent years.

Numerous congressional investigations have been conducted into activities of FBI and CIA, once considered above criticism.

Webster's decision Wednesday came six months after criminal charges were filed against Patrick Gray, the former acting FBI director under President Richard Nixon.

New data scatters theories on Venus

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California, Dec. 6 (AP) — The first information beamed to Earth Tuesday from an American spacecraft orbiting Venus has scientists questioning their previous beliefs about the planet's atmosphere.

The data show that "solar winds" which sweep its upper atmosphere may be stronger than expected, scientists reported Wednesday.

The disclosure came as the Pioneer Venus 1 orbiter beamed its first information to scientists waiting here.

Several experimenters said the findings tend to show that ionosphere, or upper atmosphere, is being pressed closer to the planet than expected, possibly by the Solar wind.

Winds buffet
The solar wind is the streams of electrically charged atomic particles chiefly helium and hydrogen ions, which are released by the sun and buffet the planet.

Because Venus, unlike Earth, is believed to have little or no magnetic field, the particles are not deflected as they near the cloudy planet.

The spacecraft went into an elongated oval orbit Monday that eventually will bring it

within 144 kilometers of the surface of Venus at its closest and take it 65,000 kilometers away at its farthest.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration controllers at Ames Research Center here prepared to trim the craft's orbit and correct an error that fouled up the first portion of a radar map of Venus.

Scientists also asked the Soviet Union for more information about experiments scheduled by two Russian spacecraft due at Venus Dec. 21 and 25.

Mini probes to crash
Four U.S. miniprobes are scheduled to crash on the planet's surface Saturday, sending back scientific measurements as they plunge. A fifth probe is to burn up in the planet's atmosphere.

Earthbound computers Wednesday analyzed signals sent by the probe preparing the first photograph of the bright planet's dense cloud layer.

The photograph will show how the billowing clouds of sulphuric acid reflect ultraviolet radiation — light just off the blue end of the rainbow. Scientists expect the image to reveal areas of the planet that could indicate separate vapor layers thousands of feet apart.

Nebraska air base officers sacked

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb., Dec. 6 (AP) — Officers responsible for protecting Offutt Air Force Base, headquarters of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, have been relieved of duty after a security breach, the Omaha "World-Herald" has reported.

U.N. okays East Timor independence

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 6 (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly's Colonial Committee has approved a resolution saying that East Timor has the right to self-determination and independence, but by a smaller vote than that with which a similar resolution passed the 1977 assembly.

NATO to buy radar warning system

BRUSSELS, Dec. 6 (UPI) — NATO defense ministers Wednesday formally approved the purchase of an American-made airborne radar warning system to cost about \$1.8 billion and which should add a vital half hour to the warning time should Russia attempt a sneak attack.

7 bodies found in Chilean lime mine

SANTIAGO, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Chile's Supreme Court ordered an investigation Wednesday into the discovery of seven bodies in the ovens of an abandoned lime mine near Nacog, according to newspaper reports.

Janata man wins in Fatehpur polls

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (R) — The ruling Janata Party Wednesday won another important parliamentary by-election in northern India, but the party was still torn by internal bickering. Janata candidate Liaquat Hussain defeated the candidate of Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party by 30,000 votes in the Fatehpur constituency of Uttar Pradesh state.

Losers cables new Venezuela leader

CARACAS, Dec. 6 (AP) — The candidate of the ruling Democratic Action Party has conceded defeat to Luis Herrera Campins in Venezuela's presidential election, Luis Prieto Ordaz, Herrera's chief opponent, told the Social Christian candidates in a telegram Tuesday night "Accept my congratulations for your election."

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Resign, Pretoria opposition urges

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Opposition parties called on the South African government to resign Wednesday after the publication of an official report that disclosed multi-million dollar corruption was rampant in the former Department of Information.

The government-appointed Erasmus Commission late Tuesday published its findings that confirmed reports of corruption in the government involving the misappropriation of more than \$73 million of taxpayers' money to launch a "party political newspaper" and a black theater industry for domestic and international propaganda purposes.

The scandal, the worst ever in 30 years of Afrikaner rule, shook the characteristically unshakable National Party and caused the political demise of Dr. Connie Mulder, who came

Somoza says grudging yes to mediation

MANAGUA, Dec. 6 (UP) — President Anastasio Somoza has accepted a U.S.-led mediation team's proposal for direct talks with the opposition, but he complained the "world is crazy" for denouncing his rule.

National Guard jeeps with 50-caliber machine guns patrolled Managua to thwart a feared Sandinista guerrilla offensive on Somoza's 53rd birthday Tuesday. It never materialized, but Aronists burned down a \$3 million coffee plant in his father's hometown.

In a televised speech to key officers of the National Guard, considered his family's private army since 1937, he seemed irritated by efforts to persuade him to accept a Washington proposal for a plebiscite on whether he should continue as president.

Possible dangers

Doctors demur on obesity operation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP) — While some doctors claim success in treating grossly obese people with digestive system bypass operations, others say use of what is an increasingly popular approach should be restricted because of its side effects.

Obesity experts met Tuesday at the National Institutes of Health to attempt to reach a consensus on the best way to use surgery with the morbidly obese, people so over-

weight that they face imminent physical or mental health problems.

The discussion centered on two digestive bypass operations that are used as a last resort when conventional dietary and medical treatment fails. But surgery carries a risk of death and potentially serious side effects, such as liver failure.

There are no good figures on how many bypass operations are performed each year.

But National Center for Health Statistics data shows there were about 80,000 such operations in non-government hospitals between 1971 and 1976. The number increased from 6,800 in 1971 to 16,200 in 1976.

Some doctors fear that they would be used before less extreme methods are tried and note that there is little long-term followup data and that no one knows how a patient would be affected 20 years later.

Equipment would include aircraft, ground transport, including vehicles for difficult terrain, shortwave radios and a speedboat to pursue poachers out to sea.

"We are a transit country. Other landlocked countries use Kenya's coast to smuggle out illegal animal produce, which makes it difficult to assess the amount of poaching which actually takes place."

Kenya asked for \$5 million from a World Bank loan to increase its anti-poaching

efforts.

Kenya has told the World Wildlife Fund it has ratified the International Convention on Trade in Endangered Species, the 49th country to do so.

"We are at war with the poachers," Mathew Oguni, minister for tourism and wildlife, said.

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POLITICAL FOES: Japan's new prime minister, Masayoshi Ohira, talks with Takeo Fukuda after winning the election.

No limit on suspension

Owner of 'Times' stands firm

LONDON, Dec. 6 (UPI) — Lord Thomson, head of the Thomson Organization, owners of the "Times" and "Sunday Times," says that the management is determined not to give in on the principles that led it to suspend publication of the newspapers Nov. 30.

"That I can assure you is not going to happen," he said in a television interview Tuesday.

Asked how long he and his family are prepared to continue the shutdown, Thomson said "You mean if we are not able to operate the way we

feel we ought to operate? I wouldn't like to put a time limit on that. I would like simply to say just this: Whatever our future course of action,

however long we have to put up with whatever we have to put up with, we will not go back to the conditions of publishing that existed before Nov. 30."

Party squabbling delays naming of Tokyo premier

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (AP) — Masayoshi Ohira was not named prime minister of Japan Wednesday.

A bitter quarrel in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party brought a delay in the selection process, and the Diet adjourned until Thursday without taking the action planned to select the new prime minister.

Ohira, 68-year-old bureaucrat and politician, was unopposed for the top post. He defeated Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda in a party primary Nov. 27 and Fukuda quit the race for the party presidency, the spot that brings the prime ministership because of the LDP majority in the Diet.

Everything was going according to plan with Ohira named party president and the Fukuda cabinet turning in its resignation on schedule Wednesday morning.

Then the timetable ran into trouble.

Before the session that was to have named him prime minister, Ohira announced he had picked Kunikida Saito for party secretary-general, a key post in the Japanese party pecking order. That set off Ohira opponents and Fukuda supporters.

Peking-Taipei peace seen by U.S. envoy

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (AP) — American ambassador Mike Mansfield said Wednesday recent statements by Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping "seem to indicate it still is very, very possible" that, given time, China and Taiwan will settle their differences.

This was Peking's "showing a great deal of patience and making very conciliatory state-

ments," he said.

lo recent talks with American reporters and Japanese politicians, Teng has said the only remaining obstacle to full Sino-American diplomatic relations is the U.S. military-political link to Taiwan. But China had no intention of attacking Taiwan and would approve continuation of American economic interests there.

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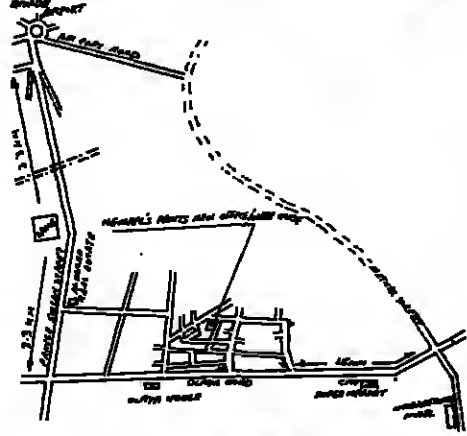
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ACADEMIC QUESTIONS

Last week, President Carter complained of the slow pace of progress toward an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Two days ago he promised to persist in his efforts to bring the negotiations to a successful conclusion. Tuesday, it was announced in Washington that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is traveling to the Middle East on a mission to save the negotiations.

The main points of dispute that have now resulted in the disruption of the negotiations are two: Egypt's demand to link the peace treaty to progress on the Palestine issue and Israel's counter demand that Egypt should forego its Arab commitments on signing the treaty. The Israeli position may be viewed as a reaction to the Egyptian demand but it is still serious enough. As to Egypt, the linkage problem, which cropped up on the first day of the peace negotiations, is in fact an extension of the haggling at Camp David when President Carter intervened in the last minute not to solve the problem but rather to delay it. The problem has now caught up with the negotiations and threatens to get the whole peace process unstuck.

It is doubtful, however, that Mr. Vance will be able to solve anything in his forthcoming tour. Solution has defied the president and the secretary of state will not even try his hand at it. He is basically interested in getting the two sides talking again, leaving for President Carter the problem of overcoming the remaining, and original, hurdle.

The whole situation boils down to the type of peace in question. Is it going to be partial or general? Israel obviously prefers peace with Egypt, possibly on the assumption that by neutralizing Egypt it weakens the other Arabs to the point where they cannot wage war so it can hold on to the remaining occupied territories at the expense of Sinai. Egypt will not accept separate peace because it cannot afford isolation from the Arab group.

The Western, mostly American, view is that the moderate Arab states need Egypt as much as Egypt needs them. Consequently, the argument goes, they will not boycott Egypt even if it opts for separate peace with Israel. While the first part of the argument may be true, the second is less clear. Bad feelings alone may bring about a kind of indirect and unintentional boycott. Thousands of Arabs visit Egypt every month and hundreds of thousands of Egyptians work in Arab countries. If Egypt signs separate peace with Israel there will be such an outcry in the radical Arab states and such a bitter popular sentiment that exchanges will have to be effected. Some Arab benefactors of Egypt may not sever aid outright but even if they delay or reduce it they will cause severe problems in Cairo. In the end the Western argument may be seen as faulty only in the sense that the U.S. can never replace all or half the Arab aid to Egypt, and does not cherish the thought.

At the moment, the questions of separate peace, U.S. aid and Arab "boycott" are all academic. The situation should not get to that. First, President Sadat has not given one indication that he will accept separate peace. Second, it is in the interest of the U.S. not to split the Arab world in pro and anti-Egypt camps. Third, Menachem Begin will not allow peace to happen anyway.

City of death?

By Joel Kotkin and Paul Grabowicz

SAN FRANCISCO —

For decades, this city by the bay has lured millions with its panoramic vistas, quiet neighborhoods and wideopen lifestyles. But today this Western haven is shocked by a series of acts of violence unparalleled in recent American history.

In the last two weeks, Sao Francisco has lost its mayor, a supervisor and a once-powerful activist minister who led virtually his entire congregation into a macabre act of mass self-destruction.

Even more disturbing to many San Franciscans, these deaths appear part of a pervasive atmosphere of terrorism that has enveloped the region since the early 1960s.

Beginning with the 1964 student disturbances at the University of California at Berkeley, the bay area has been rocked repeatedly by explosive outbreaks, perpetrated by a wide variety of groups against a bewildering array of targets. Among the most recent:

— On Nov. 6, 1973, Oakland's first black superintendent of schools, Dr. Marcus Foster, was gunned down in a parking lot by two members of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), using cyanide bullets.

— On Feb. 4, 1974, eight other SLA members kidnapped a newspaper fortune teller, Patricia Hearst, from her Berkeley apartment. Four months later six SLA members died in a gun battle with Los Angeles police.

On Sept. 22, 1975, Sara Jane Moore, a recent convert to the revolutionary cause, jumped out of the crowd in front of San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel and fired a shot, narrowly missing then-President Gerald Ford.

— On Jan. 25, 1977, three shots were fired into the real estate office of San Francisco supervisor John Barbagelata, less than 12 hours after he received a communique from the terrorist New World Liberation Front (NWLF) threatening him and five other civic leaders with death.

— On Oct. 23, 1977, a member of Oakland's Black Panther Party was killed in a shoutout next to the home of a key witness in the upcoming murder trial of Panther leader Huey Newton.

— On April 1, 1977, the Rudolf Hess book store that had been opened from a synagogue across the street from a synagogue in the heavily Jewish Sunset district of San Francisco was gutted by the fire.

— On July 1, 1978, a pipe bomb attached to a van belonging to California State Sen. Milton Marks' daughter exploded outside their San Francisco home. (WP)

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Bonn's anger with Belgrade

By Walter Ellis

BONN — The West German government is furious with the Communist regime in Yugoslavia, which, until a few months ago, was being praised in Bonn for demonstrating what could be achieved between East and West in the area of international security.

In May, following a tip-off from the German police, four top terrorist suspects of the Baader-Meinhof gang were arrested in Yugoslavia. The papers in Germany were full of the story at the time and there was much talk about a breakthrough in international cooperation against terrorism.

Then, last month, without warning, the four were released and flown to a destination of their choice. An official statement from Belgrade said simply that this action had been taken because, in the opinion of the Yugoslav courts, there had not been sufficient evidence against the suspects to justify their extradition.

In fact, what the Yugoslavs were almost certainly doing was exacting their revenge on Bonn for not handing over eight leading Croatian nationalists currently living in exile in the Federal Republic.

Belgrade had made it clear right from the beginning of the affair that it expected an exchange to take place and was reportedly outraged when Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said that the question of the Croats was not political but was for the courts to decide.

The courts duly ruled that the eight should not be extradited — though some have been dealt with in Germany for offences committed here — and gave as their reason a lack of sufficient evidence.

The Yugoslavs, quite cynically it would seem, have since turned this judgement against the Germans and have sped the four wanted terrorists on their way, not even providing details of where they have gone.

Now, Germany awaits the terrorists' violent celebration of their freedom. Those involved — Rolf-Peter Wagner, Siegfried Hoffman, Brigitte Mohaupt and Peter Boock — are said to be among the most committed of German terrorists. They are believed to have taken part in a number of murders, including that of the kidnapped industrialist, Hanns-Martin Schleyer, as well as carrying out a series of armed robberies.

It was claimed at the time of their capture that they were in Yugoslavia planning a new campaign, and it is reasonable to suppose that their motivation for such action will have been heightened by six months in prison.

Recently, there has been a significant falling-off in terrorist activity in Germany. Diligent police work within Germany itself and increased cooperation from abroad has brought about a large number of arrests, and it appears that those terrorist leaders still at large are either reconsidering their situation or else regrouping for future attacks.

Followers of the Baader-Meinhof philosophy have been kept on the run, and even their successes have consisted in "avoiding, or postponing, arrest. It is far too easy to say that they are a beaten force, but they are not what they were.

Left-wing extremism in Germany today is of a far more sophisticated and political character, and resort to the gun seems to be for a tiny minority only.

The day after the release, Bonn's Ambassador to Belgrade was recalled for consultations — always a sign of severe displeasure — and there has since been speculation that Germany will withdraw support for an improved relationship between Yugoslavia and the European Common Market.

If this proves to be correct, the rupture that has taken place could well prove extremely difficult to repair. (QFNS)

Wagner and his friends will not doubt wish to demonstrate that they are still a power to be reckoned with, but must in turn reckon with the fact that the police in Germany are increasingly capable of dealing with them — even if, from time to time, embarrassing errors are made.

War between the two sides was declared a long time ago; today, however, it is at last being seen by a majority of the German public for what it is — a skirmish, dangerous only if the government continues to over-react and passes laws with too widespread an effect.

What may, in fact, prove more costly to West Germany than the short-term activities of a handful of guerrillas is the doleful effect which last month's release is having on relations with Yugoslavia.

After a cabinet meeting recently, the Bonn government issued a statement expressing "grave concern" over what had happened. It accused Belgrade of having broken the extradition treaty between the two countries by demanding detailed evidence when all that was required was the presentation of valid arrest warrants. A spokesman for the government described the affair as a serious setback in the fight against terrorism and called for a full explanation by the Yugoslav authorities.

The day after the release, Bonn's Ambassador to Belgrade was recalled for consultations — always a sign of severe displeasure — and there has since been speculation that Germany will withdraw support for an improved relationship between Yugoslavia and the European Common Market.

If this proves to be correct, the rupture that has taken place could well prove extremely difficult to repair. (QFNS)

U.S. pledge to NATO

By Jack Nelson

WASHINGTON —

A near-solid front is developing in the Carter administration against fulfilling a presidential pledge to NATO to increase the U.S. defense budget by three per cent above the rate of inflation next year. The only exceptions are the U.S. Defense Department and the National Security Council.

The behind-the-scenes counter, the only major battle being waged over President Jimmy Carter's plans for an austere budget, pits Vice President Walter Mondale, Budget Director James McIntyre and White House political and domestic aides and economic advisers against Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The dispute among the administration's top officials ultimately must be settled by Carter himself. The president's decision is certain to have an impact on seemingly unrelated matters ranging from arms control to the defense budgets of Western European nations.

Administration officials say Carter is concerned that if he withdraws his promise to boost the Pentagon budget, he might inadvertently help the opponents of Senate ratification of a Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. The officials say that if the administration is perceived as being weak on defense, ratification of a SALT agreement would be made much more difficult.

However, a White House aide said, "Everybody feels that the president's commitment was sufficiently qualified that we don't have to go across the board with the three per cent increase for defense."

At the same time that the defense budget battle is shaping up, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) officials are recommending deep budget cuts for the Health, Education and Welfare and Labor departments, as well as across-the-board reduction in all other departments. Their goal is to pare down the total federal budget by \$18 billion, to meet Carter's goal of a budget deficit of less than \$30 billion.

Several opponents of the three per cent defense increase, who declined to be quoted by name, said they believe they have marshaled enough facts to convince Carter that he should settle for a smaller increase because three per cent would exceed the amount necessary to meet national security needs. "He'll have to be convinced on that point, because you can't sway him with the political arguments," said a budget official.

Opponents say that if the increase could be held to two per cent or less, an additional \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion could be restored to other federal programs that are facing deep spending cuts. They argue that this would not only make across-the-board slashes more palatable to other agencies, but would mean a better chance of getting congressional approval for Carter's entire budget.

Carter himself has not backed down from the three per cent commitment, which he first made at a North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in London 17 months ago. He made the pledge in return for commitments from other NATO countries that they would approve similar increases in their defense budgets.

However, administration opponents of the three per cent increase now say that Carter's pledge was intended to apply only to NATO expenditures, which account for roughly half of the total U.S. defense budget. The opponents argue that a three per cent increase above inflation for NATO, which would amount to an increase of only 1.5 per cent of the total defense budget, could be construed as fulfilling the president's pledge.

The opponents also cite two caveats in Carter's pledge, a statement that the increase should be in the region of three per cent, which opponents say leaves room for adjusting the figure downward, and a statement recognizing that some countries will be affected by economic circumstances of their own.

The Department of Defense also discounts the argument that the U.S. economy cannot support an increase in the Pentagon budget.

"Despite our economic difficulties, on the average our inflation rates are lower than theirs, and our growth rate is higher than theirs," one official said.

As the showdown over the defense budget nears, budget officials say that generally agencies and departments have responded positively — if reluctantly — to Carter's call for across-the-board cuts. (LAT)

America and OPEC

(This is the third in a series of articles about the upcoming OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi Dec. 16.)

By Geoffrey Atkins

WASHINGTON — The 1973-1974 oil embargo and the quadrupling of oil prices have had little impact on the lifestyle in America.

After the initial traumatic shock, Americans are having little problem living with gasoline prices which are still only just over double the 1973 level.

U.S. oil costs \$8.75 a barrel, whereas the world standard price is \$12.70 a barrel. Compared with European prices and taking into account high American wage levels, U.S. gasoline is still a bargain at 70 cents a U.S. gallon.

Gasoline pump prices have risen only a few cents during five years and crude oil imports have soared to 45 per cent of total domestic use, compared with only 25 per cent before 1973.

Imports now amount to 5.8 million barrels a day for gasoline, against eight million a day in U.S. production, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Total crude and petroleum products imports amount to eight million barrels a day.

But total domestic gasoline demand has remained fairly

stable during the past five years, because the one concession Americans have made to the oil crisis is to buy fuel-saving small cars.

U.S. manufacturers have been forced to match the products of their European and Japanese rivals by government regulations setting standards which will in future virtually bar the construction of "gas-guzzling" cars.

Sharply rising home-heating costs since 1973 have largely gone unnoticed during a period of high inflation.

President Carter has made little headway in his campaign to convince America that energy sacrifices have to be made.

All Congress has done so far is to pass a bill deregulating sales of natural gas. Oil prices have not been deregulated which, theoretically at least, would encourage competition in the hunt for new supplies and should help cut oil imports.

The U.S. Energy Department has unveiled a plan to convince utilities to convert to nuclear power instead of oil and gas.

But hardly anyone frets openly about the possibility of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) imposing new price increases at its Dec. 16 meeting.

U.S. industry, encouraged

by the government, has quickly adapted itself to cope with higher energy costs without inflicting too much pain on the consumer.

As America heads for winter, there appears to be little of the nervousness that has usually accompanied the approach of cold weather periods since 1973. One reason is that the United States has enough natural gas supplies to see it through even an unusually severe winter. And the efficiency of American industry after the energy crisis can be seen in figures showing that for every \$100 gain in the gross national product (GNP) — the total of all goods and services produced in the United States now pays \$60 in increased energy costs.

Before the oil embargo, energy costs rose exactly in line with GNP growth. Americans find it hard to fathom the fact that soaring oil imports have distorted the economy, causing a balance of payments deficit and the decline in value of the dollar.

U.S. Assistant Treasury Secretary Fred Bergsten said recently that a five per cent increase in OPEC prices could add \$2 billion to America's expected trade deficit of about \$8 billion next year.

saudi press review

Saudi papers welcomed the visit of the Yemeni President and said it would further consolidate Saudi-Yemeni relations.

"Othman" said the visit "which takes place within the context of other visits to Riyadh is another indication of the importance that the Arabs and Muslims attach to Saudi Arabia and its policies."

"In turn, Saudi policy is aimed at performing the important task of meeting the challenges and problems that impede the fulfillment of national aspirations."

The paper said that Saudi Arabia will continue pursuing its objectives "which are also pivotal to joint Gulf, Arab and Islamic aim for a better future."

"Al-Bilad" said "the position of Saudi Arabia on the political map of the Gulf and the Arab world, especially this week, has left no one in doubt that Saudi policy is concerned with unity and Arab solidarity. The visit of the Yemeni President is a significant political event which affirms the role of the Kingdom as a fundamental factor in guiding the Arabs to their strength and glory."

"Al-Medina" said the Kingdom is concerned with creating an understanding among the states of the Gulf through

continuous consultations regarding matters of mutual interest.

"Al-Nadwa" also welcomed meetings at such high levels as "expressions of trust and confidence in the leadership and wisdom of Saudi Arabia."

The Arab Council for Economic Unity opened its meetings in Dubai Tuesday and this formed the subject of a comment and analysis by "Al-Bilad" Wednesday.

The paper said that Arab economy has gone a long way since the early seventies with the collective gross national products leaping from \$35 billion in 1970 to \$132 billion in 1975 and is expected to go up to \$236 billion in 1980.

"With this in mind," the paper said, "the economies of the Arab world are bound to grow even stronger if certain conditions are met and the restrictions on full economic cooperation are lifted. This is all the more important because of the yawning gap between one Arab economy and another."

The paper said purchase of consumer goods in the oil states will multiply 49 times between 1970 and 1980 "and the sooner the Arabs find ways of positive economic cooperation the better."

The Council has laid down a joint Arab economic plan beginning in 1981 that would give each Arab country the right scope and opportunity to make use of the potentialities of economic integration.

The paper said that special attention should be given to industry and agriculture in the Arab world "since the oil wealth is by no means inexhaustible."

"Industrial output has increased 7.4 per cent while agricultural production went up 9 per cent. Trade has also increased through better and easier customs and the removal of certain restrictions."

"Al-Bilad" drew attention to the "exorbitant rates" of both accommodation and land in the Kingdom. It said that the rates must be the highest in the world.

Reasonable rates for reasonable accommodation apply in the West and in developing countries. "But here it seems that the situation is not natural." The paper said that this must be due to the lack of any regulations by which the owners and landlords can be bound to be fair to land buyers and tenants.

"It is, therefore, incumbent on the government to tackle this serious problem."

Opulences present and past greet a visitor to Bahrain

By a Staff Reporter
MANAMA—A few kilometers from the opulent hotels, native dhow builder sits and patiently practices his ancient craft.

Ten minutes later by automobile one can visit the ruins of opulence of another time—the 4,200-year-old temple at Diraz. Over what archeologist Geoffrey Bibby called—"the most promising site in Bahrain"—power lines bring electricity to the current inhabitants of this island country.

Throughout this 700-square-kilometer state the ancient still exists alongside the recent past. Since there is much the traveler can see of Bahrain's history, he should first prepare himself.

Geoffrey Bibby's "Looking for Dilmun" establishes that Bahrain was the center of a great, lost civilization called Dilmun. If the visitor packs along a few guidebooks and the Dilmun work and is willing to invest a few hours in a guided tour of the upper half of Bahrain, he will come away with an experience few tourists gain—a valid "feel" of the past of a nation.

Modern Bahrain begins for the traveler at Bahrain International Airport, located on the island of Muharraq. Bahrain is an archipelago of 30 islands with Muharraq, the former capital, located on the northeast tip.

A 15-minute taxi ride takes the visitor to Manama, the capital city and locale of several modern hotels.

Although the country does have some oil reserves, yearly production is less than one percent of that of Saudi Arabia. But the establishment of the off-shore banking sector—with assets equalling those of Singapore—is one example of the country's commercial development. Consider too the Arab shipbuilding and Repair Yard, an aluminum smelter, the construction industry (the country's largest employer) and the family of the government, and the reasons for prosperity are clear.

Leaving Manama for the north one first passes the dhow pier where the boats still carry passengers to Al-Khobar, a fraction of the cost of air are, just beyond, the sightseer can find the yards where men

methodically build the dhow, much as they have for thousands of years.

The builders cut and fit the wood which is brought from India. Although prices have risen dramatically (around the equivalent of SR 330,000 for a 15-20 meter long dhow), little else has changed in this trade. Now the dhows may have engines and the wood is nailed rather than sewn, but these seaworthy craft are still virtually handmade and are still used for transport, fishing and trade.

eras, by dating pieces of pottery (the archeologist's best tool in determining age) and other artifacts.

Today the visitor can see the partial excavations of the North Wall, a fortified Islamic palace, of the 11th or 12th Century; an area which Bibby called the "palace", dating back to the time of Dilmun, but where he also found three sarcophagi, or coffins, dating to 700 B.C.; and the Portuguese Fort which dominates the site.

The traveler can walk through

fresh water springs, was, and is, an ideal location for commerce. The civilization of Dilmun spread its influence throughout the Gulf area, trading with the Babylonians and Sumerians and the great Indus Valley civilization. Bibby estimates that Dilmun existed from 3000 B.C. to 300 B.C., before being lost to the world for another 2,300 years. He believes that the Greeks under Alexander the Great knew of Dilmun but that the culture reached its apex from 3000 B.C. to 2000 B.C.

With the discovery of Assyrian and Babylonian tablets

the seal of Dilmun and is now widely used as a Bahrain logo. These and other artifacts testified to the existence of Dilmun as a rich commercial civilization on the trade route between Mesopotamia (in what today is Iraq) and the Indus Valley civilization (in what today is Pakistan).

Now only a few remains are visible, because the archeologists filled in the excavated site after their studies. Bibby wanted the site to be preserved until someone with more funds and time can excavate it properly. Today only a well-scattered stones and part of

mira, about five kilometers away, where one of a very few remaining Bahraini weavers makes material for the Arab abba. He must work on his primitive loom eight to ten hours to weave material for a single abba. For this he is paid the equivalent of SR 90 by village women or tourists.

The Weaver is friendly, self-reliant and patient, and invites visitors to take pictures of him at his work. Usually he is visited by neighbors who talk with him and smoke the shah pipe.

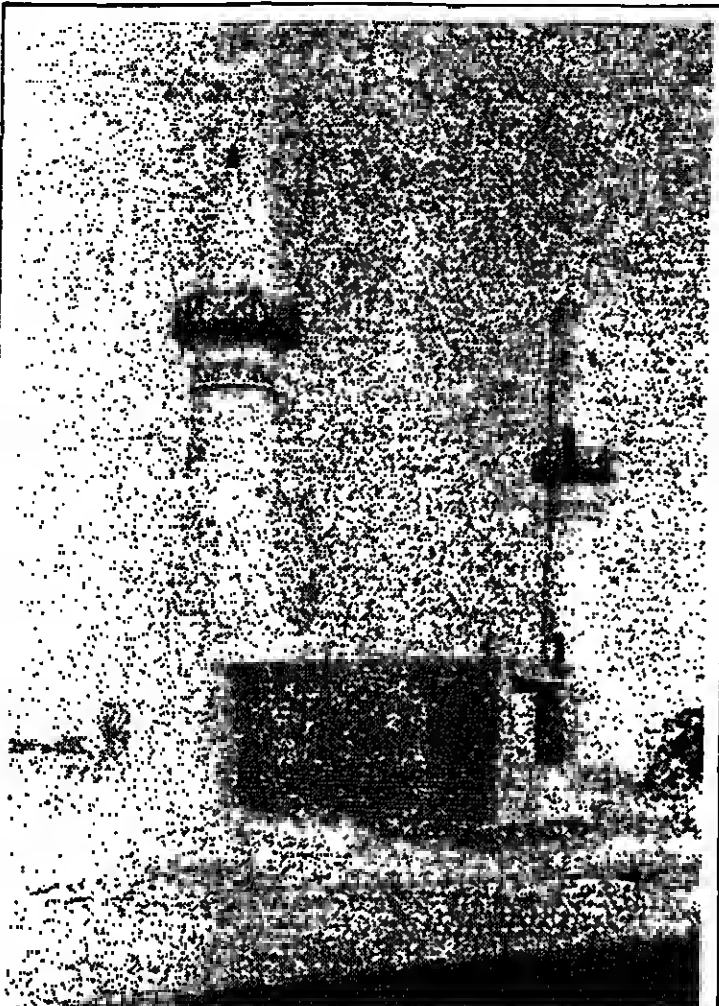
Moving back to the west coast and riding south one sees what first intrigued Bibby and brought him back to Bahrain again and again to seek out his history: the burial mounds.

There are six major fields containing an estimated 100,000 mounds. Every mound is the work of man, and each covers a stone burial vault. The fields stretch in some places as far as the eye can see. Looking like thousands of huge anthills rounded on top, they range from two to 14 meters in height. Bibby dates the oldest of them to around 2700 B.C., the early Dilmun age.

Continuing south the visitor becomes even more aware of the unique juxtaposition of modern Bahrain and its past. An oil pipeline, looking vulnerable and out of place, curves its way by the burial mounds and alongside the road. Its purpose is to carry oil between Saudi Arabia and the refinery at Sitra on the east coast of Bahrain.

In the small village of Aali, part of a mound structure has been used to help build a rudimentary shop where pottery, one of man's oldest crafts, is made in the ancient way. A young man powers his potter's wheel by foot movement. He molds items ranging from a small ashtray to large plant holders. Inside the dark hut made of clay and shards only one reminder of the 20th century is apparent: a red telephone. The potter's day seems to be set by the sun, since the hut has no electricity.

The rest of the tour seems almost anticlimactic. But the Souk Al-Khamis Mosque in Jidhafs, a few kilometers from Manama, offers the traveler a last glimpse of old Bahrain and shows the government's attempts to keep its heritage visible. A mosque was originally built on this site in the 11th century A.D. In the 1500s another was constructed, and some of the ruins can be seen today. The Bahraini government has recently restored the minarets of the shrine, which Bahrain claims to be the oldest in the Gulf area.



The Souk Al Khamis Mosque, one of the oldest in the Islamic world, with its restored minarets, is at Bahrain.



Five kilometers west on the northern coast lie the ruins of an ancient seaport where Bibby and his Danish archeological team began excavations in 1954. Until Bibby began to dig, the structure there was called the Portuguese Fort, since they occupied Bahrain in the 16th Century A.D.

The Danish team uncovered evidence that the site dates at least to 2300 B.C. and probably to 3000 B.C. They uncovered five pre-Islamic cities, or

gh the excavated areas, through an ancient doorway four-and-a-half meters below ground level, and wonder what treasures might be found if the site is ever completely dug out.

Seals found in the ruins suggest that the area was once a trading port of Dilmun, complete with a town, fresh water, and the bureaucracy inherent in large-scale commerce. Trader's seals, pottery, and other remains can be seen today in the local museum in Bahrain, which means "two seas" because of its abundant

in the 19th Century A.D., the word "Dilmun" appeared. From this and other pieces of evidence Bibby figured that Bahrain was once called Dilmun. And through his excavations he later showed that Bahrain was, in fact, the fabled land.

The temple at Barbar, a few kilometers from the Portuguese Fort, is where Bibby found his most impressive evidence. Here were several invaluable pieces of the early Dilmun period, among them beads, vases, a small copper figurine and a bull's head. The head was

the temple courtyard structure remain for the curious to see.

Further proof of the problems an archeologist faces — lack of time, money, and manpower — is apparent at the site Bibby thought would be the richest of all — the temple at Diraz. This site, like the others, is only partially excavated. However, one can see the remains of columns and pieces of block which might have once been a pool and a throne.

From the northwestern tip of Bahrain the traveler turns eastward and journeys to Ja-

Arab-Americans tour Middle East

By Bob Lebling

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A delegation of prominent Arab-Americans has announced plans to tour eight Arab countries this month to meet with national leaders and study the latest political developments in the confrontation and support states.

The team, representing the Washington-based National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), will bypass Egypt, according to an itinerary released recently.

The delegation will be headed by NAAA President Dr. Hisham Sharabi, a professor of history at Georgetown University. Other members of the team are former NAAA President Joseph Baroudy, Executive Vice-President Alexander Simon, Jr., and Secretary Sheryl Ameen Saunders.

The two-week tour, beginning Dec. 7 (Thursday), will start in Jordan and continue on to Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Lebanon.

The Arab tour, the first such under Sharabi's leadership, is aimed at strengthening the dialogue between the NAAA and the countries of the Arab world.

The group plans to meet with Arab leaders and political personalities in an effort to assist the NAAA "in interpreting key developments in the Arab world to Americans," the organization said.

No reason was given for the decision not to visit Egypt, but observers believed the move was linked to the Arab world's general disenchantment with the ongoing Egyptian-Israeli treaty negotiations.

"I'm excited about the possibilities inherent in the trip to the Middle East," Sharabi said in a press statement. "NAAA has made great progress in recent months and functions as the principal political action organization addressing issues of concern to Arab-Americans."

Sharabi was convinced that "valuable exchanges of views will take place during our visits."

In addition to his teaching duties at Georgetown, Sharabi serves as editor of the "Journal of Palestine Studies" and has authored a number of books on the Arab world. Baroudy is co-founder of a

public relations firm in Washington which advises foreign governments and international investment firms.

Simon is active in land development and commercial investment in Atlanta, Georgia. Saunders is an art consultant in Houston, Texas.

The NAAA delegation will visit Saudi Arabia Dec. 17-19.

BOOKSHELF

"Broderbond of Power: An Expose of the Secret South African Broderbond," by J.H.P. (Hennie) Sefon-tem.

London: Rex Collings, 1978. JOHANNESBURG—A book has just been published in South Africa about the Afrikaner Broderbond, the secret organization which has been the real force behind the scenes for the last 30 years.

The author, Hennie Sefon-tem, is himself an Afrikaner and was once a National Party youth leader. Today he is an outspoken critic of the Government's racial and international policies. He made his name in the 1960s and early 1970s as the first journalist to expose the octopus-like Broderbond on a large scale, turning down a \$40,000 bribe to keep quiet.

Strangely, the book has been given more publicity in the pro-Afrikaans newspapers than in the anti-government English-language press, reflecting widespread uneasiness among Afrikaner Nationalists of anything underhand in South African public life.

The book appears at the time of South Africa's sensational information scandal over the use of secret funds to sponsor party political projects.

The all-male Broderbond

is unique. Secret and semi-secret organizations exist in many countries, but the Broderbond's influence extends from the highest national levels to the smallest local structure.

Only Afrikaners who are faithful supporters of the National Party government may belong to it. Publicly not a word is uttered about its activities, let alone its existence.

Only five or six times has it issued public statements, each time under pressure and usually in reaction to exposes in English-language newspapers.

The key to Afrikaner nationalism lies in an understanding of the nature, philosophy, actions and machinations of the Broderbond. The Bond or BB consists of 12,000 members organized in some 800 cells, called "divisions." The members like to regard themselves as the "cream" of Afrikaner nationalism.

It groups not only most nationalist cabinet ministers and parliamentarians but leader of the church, education, cultural movements, labor, police, government services, media, universities and the farming community.

Each cell consists of 60 members. There are regular monthly meetings, held under the strictest secrecy.

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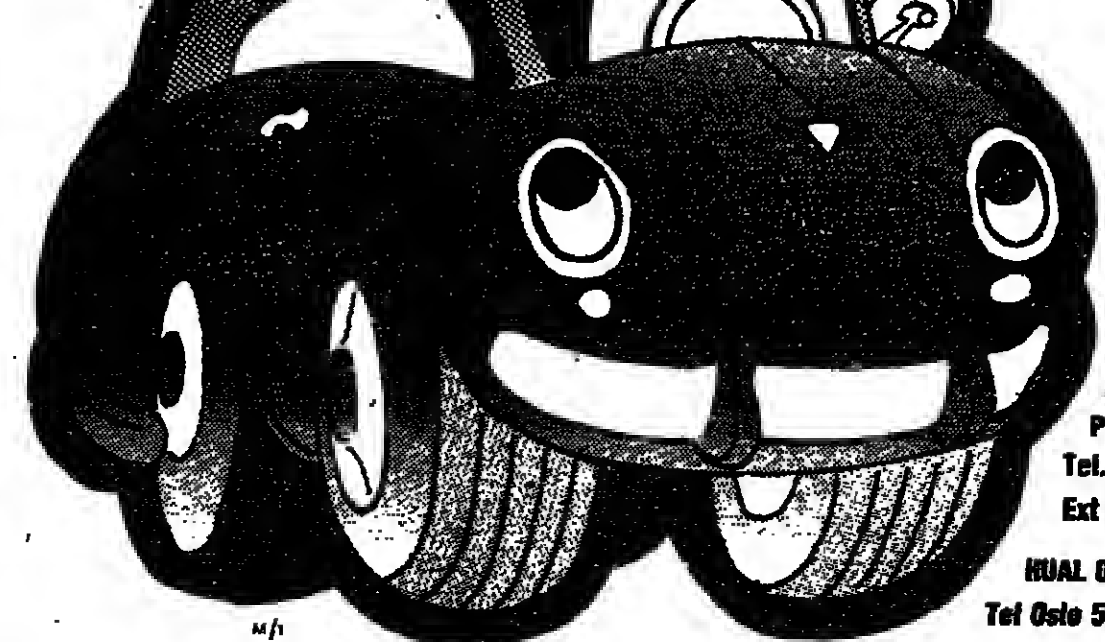
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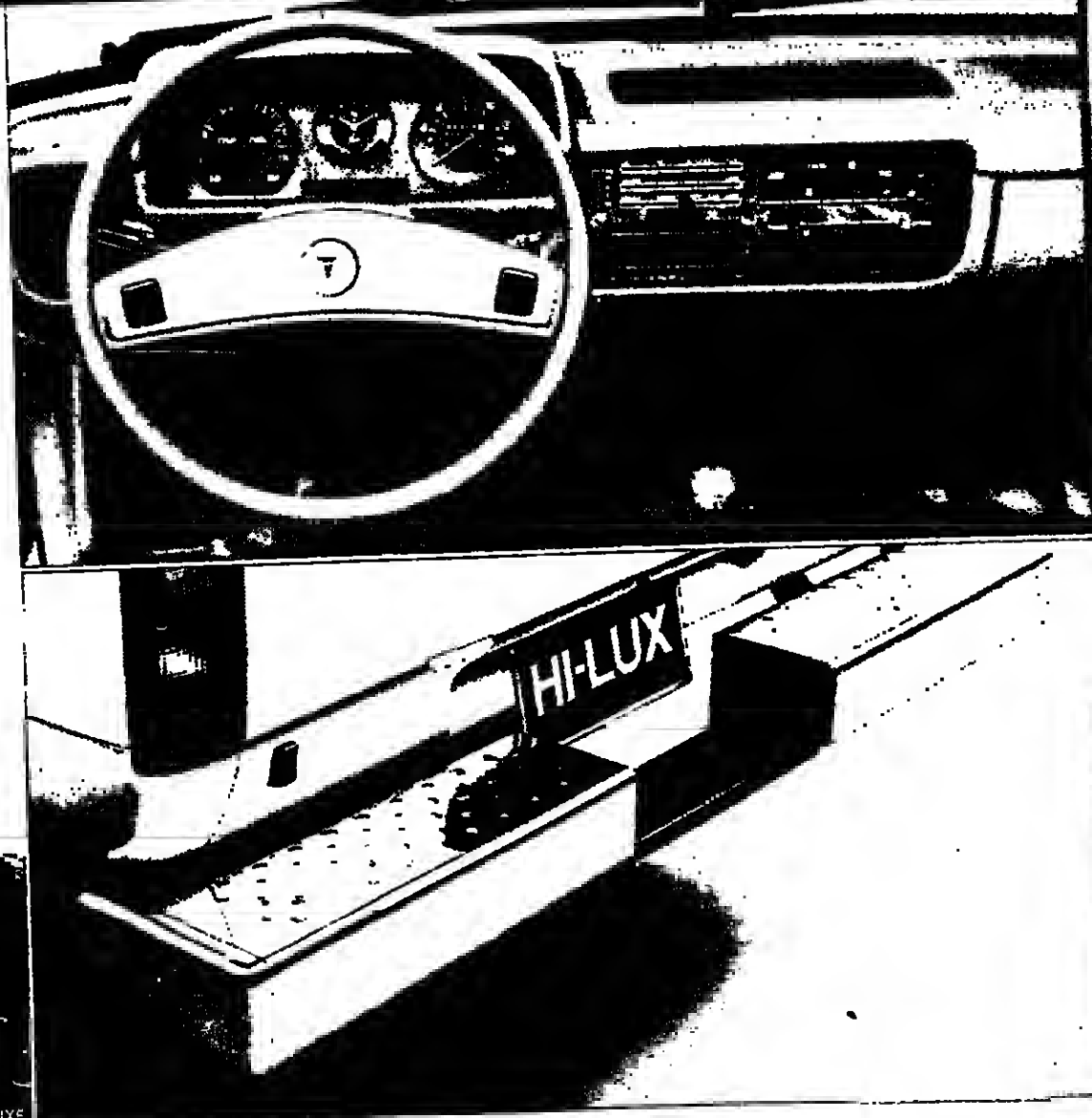
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Randall's 96 clinches England Test victory

BRISBANE, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — A confident near-century by Derek Randall helped England cruise to a seven-wicket win over Australia in the first Test which ended at the Brisbane Cricket ground Wednesday.

England took control from the very first day and Australia was under almost constant pressure to get back into the match. "It was a great win," a delighted England captain Mike Brearley said later. "But it could have gone either way right up to the last hour or so," he said. Brearley has now skipped England to victory in 14 Tests. England started Wednesday with 170 needed to win and openers Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch had safety on nine and two. Boycott and Brearley were all out cheaply in the morning but Australia's fate was sealed by an unbroken fourth-wicket

stand of Randall, who never looked in trouble while piling up his 96 and David Gower, with 48.

Randall topped the England scoring in the first innings also, with 75.

England has been hot favorite to win the game as the Australians are without nearly all their best-known cricketers. Twenty-five top Australian players are missing the series to play in matches privately organized by local television tycoon Kerry Packer.

But the new-look team staged a creditable fightback after being bowled out for just 116 in its first innings thanks to centuries by Captain Graham Yallop and Kim Hughes. "We had our share of luck," Brearley said "particularly when Bob Willis caught Graham Yallop when he was in full flight in Australia's second innings."

New-look Kings overrun Knicks

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP) — Rookie Phil Ford sets up the plays, second-year man Otis Birdsong fires in the jumpers and free agent pickups Marlon Redmond and Billy McKinney come off the bench hustling and running—the baby backcourt has turned things around for the Kansas City Kings.

The Kings raced out Tuesday night to a 32-point lead en route to a 105-92 victory over the New York Knicks, Kansas City's third win in a row and seventh in its last eight starts. The Kings are now 14-8 and lead Denver by 3 1/2 games in the Midwest Division.

Elsewhere in the NBA Tuesday night, the Washington Bullets beat the Cleveland Cavaliers, 117-112, the Chicago Bulls defeated the Philadelphia 76ers, 95-91, the Boston Celtics edged the Detroit Pistons, 114-112, and the Los Angeles Lakers topped the new Orleans Jazz 114-102.

Bombay draw
BOMBAY, Dec. 6 (R) — The First Test between India and the West Indies ended here Wednesday in a draw and a shower of bottles and bursting of firecrackers as the crowd became restive over India's failure to score against an accurate West Indies spin attack.

The draw had appeared certain since lunch Tuesday.

The West Indies has piled a first innings 493 against India's 424.

3 Scots referees banned till '81 for accepting gifts before game

GLASGOW, Dec. 6 (R) — Three Scottish referees were banned until the end of April 1981 by the Scottish Football Association Tuesday night after admitting receiving presents before a UEFA (European Football Union) Cup match last month.

World Cup referees John Gordon and Rollo Kyle and David McChrney, who were the linesmen for the match between A. C. Milan of Italy and Sparta Sofia of Bulgaria on Nov. 1 were found guilty of "a gross breach of regulations" by accepting the presents from A. C. Milan, the Scottish F. A. said.

They had accepted shirts, ties, scarves, blouses, shoes, tracksuits, sandals, waterproof tops, ladies jackets, jumpers, waistcoats, blouses, skirts and waterproof coats, track suits and anoraks for children and pennants and club badges from Milan, it said.



RANDALL: Top English scorer in both innings

Rossman cuts up Italian with blitz of face blows

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6 (R) — American Mike Rossman, making his first defense of the World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight title, Tuesday night methodically pounded Italian Aldo Traversaro's face into a mass of cuts and bruises until the

referee stopped the match in the sixth round.

Rossman, began slowly, but once he started finding the mark the Italian challenger was an easy target for his slashing punches.

Traversaro's left jabs had kept Rossman off balance for much of the first four rounds. Early in the fourth round, Traversaro jolted Rossman with two right uppercuts in the first minute, bloodied his nose with a left hand and ripped home a good right-left to the head with a minute left.

But in the fifth, Rossman began countering effectively to both face and body, and Traversaro backed up from the force of the American's attack.

One minute and 15 seconds into the sixth round referee Jesus Celis of Venezuela stopped the fight as Traversaro drifted backwards with cuts under both eyes from stinging left hooks and straight rights to the head.

At Asian Games

Saudi footballers aim to spring surprises

BANGKOK, Dec. 6 (UPI) — The Saudi soccer team expects to surprise the favorites in the eighth Asian games.

Watching the team's first workout in Bangkok, team leader Abdul Fattah Nazer said, "it doesn't matter what team we face. We don't fear any team."

He said the national team was the product of a 2 1/2 year drive to excellence in which the Saudi Football Federation had spared no expense. The four British coaches putting the team through rugged passing and ball control drills have been working with the team for most of that time.

The team, with members averaging about 20 years of age has been sent on extensive tours through Europe to gain experience.

"The team recently held First Division Liverpool to a draw," Nazer said. "A team that is not afraid of anyone."

Manager Ronnie Allen, former manager of West Bromwich Albion, said the team had made "extraordinary progress."

Top scorer on the team is Majed Abdullah, but Allen

said almost anyone on the team is capable of scoring. "We like to score goals and attack more than defend," he said.

Final selection for the team was made three weeks ago.

The players worked hard with the British coaches who pointed out flaws and moved

them quickly from one drill to another. Crowds of curious Thai spectators watched the team go through its paces at a practice field at a local university.

Several of the team had enough height to give their shorter Asian opponents some trouble in the air.

The team will be under special pressure to perform well because every game they play will be seen live on television in Saudi Arabia where "Saudi fans are soccer-mad and want to see the team do well," as one delegation member said.

The team's first game against a tough Chinese team should be a good test, but team officials said they are more worried about the Iraqi team it will face in the third match of the first round.

New Asian sports body formed to end rows on Israel, Taiwan

BANGKOK, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Asian countries Wednesday decided to set up a Supreme Council for Sports in Asia (SSCA) to strengthen the continent's sporting unity and to remove the possibility of future rows over Israel and, to a lesser extent, Taiwan.

Delegates from 10 countries, including Saudi Arabia, making up the executive committee of the Asian Games Federation

opened a two-day meeting here Wednesday by deciding unanimously to set up the SSCA and appoint a five-country ad hoc committee to work out its constitution. The new body will ultimately replace the AFG.

The SSCA will technically start from scratch in recruiting members, but AGF sources said there is no doubt Israel—if it applied for membership—would not be allowed in.



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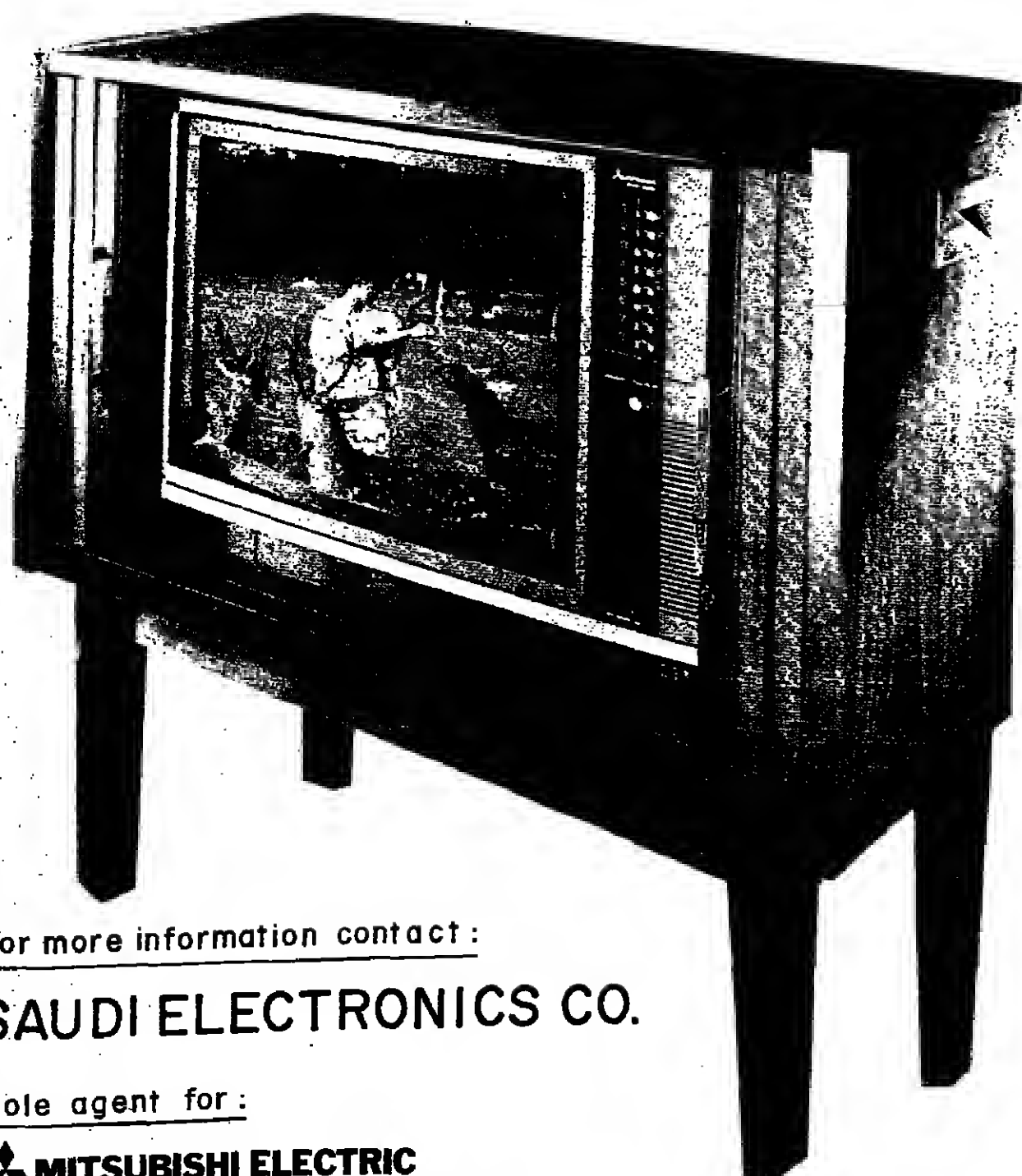
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\$575m copter deal halted

Iran's \$11b defense orders 'uncertain'

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (UPI) — The halting of work by Textron, Inc. Bell helicopter division on a \$575 million co-production program with Iran underlines uncertainties about some \$11 billion worth of defense and industrial orders American companies hold from the Shah's government.

Textron said Bell stopped work because the Iranians missed a payment due in October.

The strikes in the Iranian oilfields and other disorders have created cash flow problems for the Iranian government and the Shah also has informed the United States it is necessary to defer some mili-

tary orders in order to use more on social improvement programs.

The defense and weaponry goods on order from Iran in the United States include \$3.2 billion worth of F16 fighter planes from General Dynamics, \$1.2 billion worth of Boeing airborne warning system planes and \$1.3 billion worth of naval vessels and equipment from Litton Industries, and a number of smaller orders.

The Iranians are said already to have deferred a considerable part of the F16 contract and deals to buy F4E fighters from Grumman Corp. and F4E fighter bombers from McDonnell Douglas.

Oslo signs 10m Kuwaiti dinar bond

OSLO, Dec. 6 (AP) — The city of Oslo, described as one of the most sophisticated borrowers on the international finance market, has signed a 10 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$34 million) bond loan on the Kuwaiti financial market and obtained even better terms than anticipated when the loan was first announced Nov. 25.

"The loan was very well received and subscribed several times. The interest rate for the 12 year loan was fixed at 7 5/8 per cent instead of the expected 7 3/4 per cent," said director Per R. Hagen of Norse Securities A/S, a broker firm owned by Oslo and Akershus Saving Bank.

The loan marks the first time a Norwegian saving bank participates as loan manager of an international loan. It also marks the first time a Norwegian borrower enters and takes up a loan on the Kuwaiti dinar market, now said to be the fourth largest in the world.

The parties termed the loan a breakthrough in Scandinavia for Kuwaiti dinar loans and said they were looking forward to more business.

Dubai to open world's largest dock

DUBAI, Dec. 6 (AP) — The world's largest dry dock located here is to be operated and managed by a consortium of two British companies, the local emirate government announced Wednesday.

In a statement from the office of the Dubai ruler, Sheikh Rashid Bin Said al Maktoum, the government said that a preliminary agreement had been reached with C.H. Bailey Ltd. and the Bristol Channel Ship Repairs Ltd.

The Dubai project is equipped with three dry docks, one of which is designed to handle tankers up to a million tons, costing nearly half a billion dollars. The dock is one of Dubai's most controversial projects, for no one expects it to make money in the initial stages of its operation.

A similar dock, though slightly smaller, is located in nearby Bahrain, and is owned by the Organization of Arab Oil Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

Carter favors trade expansion with Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 6 (UPI) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal told American business leaders and Soviet officials Wednesday that President Carter favors expanded trade with the Soviet Union.

Blumenthal, speaking at the opening of a two-day annual meeting of the unofficial U.S. USSR Trade and Economic Council, pledged that the Carter administration would do everything it legally could to promote that expansion.

"The president instructed Commerce Secretary Mrs. Juanita Kreps and me to make

clear to our Soviet counterparts and to Prime Minister (Alexei) Kossygin and President (Leonid) Brezhnev that the United States wants our trading relationship to expand.

"At the same time, President Carter is well aware that trade with the USSR must be considered in the light of our overall relationship," Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal acknowledged that the amendment to the 1974 trade act tying freer trade and credit terms for the Soviets to relaxed Soviet restrictions on Jewish emigration had placed a damper on growth of trade.

Egypt drops atomic use to dig canal

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (R) — Egypt has dropped a plan to use atomic explosions to dig a canal extending from the Mediterranean Sea to the Qattara Depression in the Western Sahara, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

It quoted Power Minister Mustapha Sabri as saying the decision was made "to spare the country from nuclear pollution."

Sabri said a decision to proceed with the project depended on a feasibility study now being carried out by Egyptian, West German, French and American energy experts.

The study is due to be completed next year, he said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	Cash	Trans
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	6.60	6.60
Deutsche Mark (100)	176.00	176.50
Swiss F (100)	197.00	198.00
French F (100)	76.50	77.00
Italian Lira (1000)	40.00	39.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	111.50	111.50
Syrian Lira (100)	81.75	87.00
Egyptian Pound	4.55	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.35	12.32
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00	88.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	8.80	8.80
Bahraini Dinar	47.00	48.35
Iranian Riyal (100)	10.25	—
Iraqi Dinar	75.00	74.40
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—
South Yemeni Dinar	86.50	86.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	41.10
Indian Rupee (100)	35.00	34.35
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July balance sheet of commercial banks

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency has released the following statement of consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks as at the end of July 1978. (In millions of S.Rls.)

ASSETS	S.Rls.
1) Cash in hand and deposits with SAMA	20,187
2) Balances due from banks outside Saudi Arabia	7,440
3) Balances due from banks to Saudi Arabia	1,143
4) Loans, Advances and Discounts	12,232
5) Investments	904
6) Other Assets	11,388
7) Contra Accounts	44,692
TOTAL:	97,986
LIABILITIES	S.Rls.
1) Capital & Reserves	1,422
2) Balances due to banks abroad	3,987
3) Balances due to banks in Saudi Arabia	—
4) Demands, Time and Savings Deposits	31,217
5) Other Deposits	6,182
6) Other Liabilities	10,486
7) Contra Accounts	44,692
TOTAL:	97,986

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tenders	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Transporting fuel for Southern province, Khamis Mshait	11-98-99	100	Dec. 18, 1978
* " " "	Securing fuel for northern and central roads	12-98-99	xx	Dec. 19, 1978
* Ministry of Rural and Municipal Affairs	Fencing graveyards in Shmasiyah	26-98-99	100	Dec. 3, 1978
* " " "	" " in al Rawda	26-98-99	xx	Dec. 4, 1978
* " " "	Temporary asphaltting in villages of Tomeh municipality	26-98-99	xx	Dec. 5, 1978
* " " "	To build a bridge in Toawda village and road asphaltting	26-98-97	xx	Dec. 10, 1978
* Ministry of Interior (Passport Department)	Catering for Passport College students	xx	50	Dec. 28, 1978
* " " "	Maintenance of two lifts	xx	20	Dec. 28, 1978



PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 6TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING	BERTH	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	SEASPEED ARABIA	FAYEZ	RO RO	—	5.12.1978
1	—	—	—	—	—
2	BARGES	KANOO	—	RICE FLOUR GENERAL	16.11.1978
3	ATLANTIC FOREST	KANOO	—	CONTES MATERIALS	3.12.1978
4	EDINBURGH	KANOO	—	SUGAR CONTAINERS	9.12.1978
5	BARGE EX	RED SEA	—	—	—
6	BRUNNELA	O.C.E.	REEFER	—	27.11.1978
7	ATLANTIC FREEZER	O.C.E.	REEFER	—	7.12.1978
8	FU CHAO	O.C.E.	GENERAL	—	4.12.1978
9	FAHAD	SAOAKA	GENERAL	—	4.12.1978
10	LADY KRISTINA	O.C.E.	GENERAL	—	4.12.1978
11	NEW LARK	ORRI	RICE/GEN/TIMBER	—	3.12.1978
12	SKYROS	SIAR NAV.	DURRA OIL CASK	—	3.12.1978
13	HOPE	RED SEA	REBARS GENERAL	—	4.12.1978
14	GOLDEN ARABIA	EL HAWI	PWOOO GEN.	—	3.12.1978
15	DIGNITY	ALPHA	SUGAR	—	2.12.1978
16	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	—	29.11.1978
17	STRATHKIRN	KANOO	CONTAINERS	—	5.12.1978
18	BARGES	KANOO	RICE/FLOUR/GENERAL	—	16.11.1978
19	ATLANTIC FOREST	KOLACO	BULK CEMENT	—	7.11.1978
20	ODYSSEUS	KOLACO	BULK CEMENT	—	30.11.1978
21	MEDCEMENT	—	—	—	—
22	CARRIER	REDEC	BULK CEMENT	—	3.12.1978
23	TOULI ARROW	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	—	28.11.1978
24	TOULI	S.N.L.	TO LOAD MTYS	—	6.12.1978
25	HAMLET SAUDIA	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—	—
26	FILIPINAS SAUDIA	BARBER	TO LOAD MTYS	—	5.12.1978
27	—	—	—	—	—
28	GEORGES TSIRIS	O.C.E.	BAGGED CEMENT	—	3.12.1978
29	KORDOFAN	A.E.T.	GENERAL STEEL	—	3.12.1978
30	TASSOS N	OCEAN T.	STEEL PAPER GEN.	—	4.12.1978
31	BARGES	A.E.T.	GENERAL	—	29.11.1978
32	SAM ROUSTON	—	—	—	—
33	FAIR REEFER	M.E.S.A.	REEFER	—	5.12.1978
34	—	—	—	—	—
35	SEASPEED OIMA	FAYEZ	RO RO	—	6.12.1978
36	MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RO RO	—	4.12.1978
37	HISPANIA	—	—	—	—

Vessels Working at Anchorage

2-Recent Arrivals	VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
SKOTLANO	BARBER	CONTAINERS	—	5.12.1978
HAMLET SAUDIA	S.N.L.	LOADING MTYS	—	4.12.1978
FAHAD	SAOAKA	BAGGED CARGO	—	4.12.1978
MERZARIO	—	—	—	—
HISPANIA	A.E.T.	RO RO	—	5.12.1978
ROBERT E. LEE	A.E.T.	12 LASH BARGES	—	4.12.1978
FAIR REEFER	M.E.S.A.	APPLES	—	5.12.1978
STRATHKIRN	KANOO	CONTAINERS	—	6.12.1978
SEASPEED OIMA	FAYEZ	RO RO	—	6.12.1978

3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

VESEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
REA	O.C.E.	EGGS & CRICKETS	6.12.1978
RANSIS	FAYEZ	GENERAL	6.12.1978
AL RIYADH	OCEAN T.	PAPER RELLS	6.12.1978
DIMITRIOS	ABUSIAL	DURRA	6.12.1978
BLUE OCEAN	RAABDOU	DURRA & OIL CASK	6.12.1978
EURABIA WINO	SHOBOKSHI	GENERAL	6.12.1978
BRILLIANT STAR	AL SAOQA	STEEL CEMENT GENERAL	6.12.1978
MERZARIO GALLIA	A.E.T.	RO RO	6.12.1978
JOLLY BLANCO	ABDALLAH	RO RO	6.12.1978
CLAN MCNAB	ALIREZA	GENERAL	6.12.1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 73,852

WAITING TIME : NIL

Importers having goods on the abovementioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any enquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

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DATE: 6.1.1399/6.12.1978
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2 KATORI MARU	GULF	CEMENT PLANT	3.12.1978
4 HELLENIC PRIDE	GULF	GEN REEFER	5.12.1978
7 ALSALIMIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	5.12.1978
10 NEDLOVDY ELBE	KANOO	GENERAL	5.12.1978
11 LUCILLE	KANOO	LOADING UREA	3.12.1978
12 BRUNHORN	KANOO	BENJONITE	5.12.1978
13 KHALI SKY	SOEASIA	REEFER	4.12.1978
14 ROSE EVERETT	ORRI	BANANAS	5.12.1978
15 SREJA	KANOO	GENERAL	4.12.1978
16 TASSOS TSIRIS	ORRI	SUGAR	4.12.1978
18 KATORI	A.E.T.	C. CEMENT	29.11.1978
19 YONGJIN	ALGOSAIBI	C. CEMENT	5.12.1978
20 KASHI MARU	ALGOSAIBI	C. CEMENT	28.11.1978
21 KOHE KOHE (D.B.I)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	19.10.1978

SCF ELSE KILDE KANOO GENERAL 12.10.1978

Vessels Working at Anchorage
PRIMAVERA S M C BULK CEMENT 23.11.1978

Recent Arrivals

Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	KHALI SKY	SOEASIA	REEFER	4.12.1978
4	STARALDEBARAN	KANOO	GENERAL	5.12.1978
7	HELLENIC PRIDE	GULF	GEN REEFER	5.12.1978
10	ROSE EVERETT	ORRI	BANANAS	5.12.1978
13	YONG JIN	ALGOSAIBI	C. CEMENT	5.12.1978
14	NEDLOVDY ELBE	KANOO	GENERAL	5.12.1978
15	ALSALIMIAH	KANOO	GENERAL	5.12.1978
16	TASSOS TSIRIS	ORRI	SUGAR	4.12.1978
18	ENOURANCE EXPRESS	SOEASIA	FOR BUNKERING ONLY	4.12.1978

Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

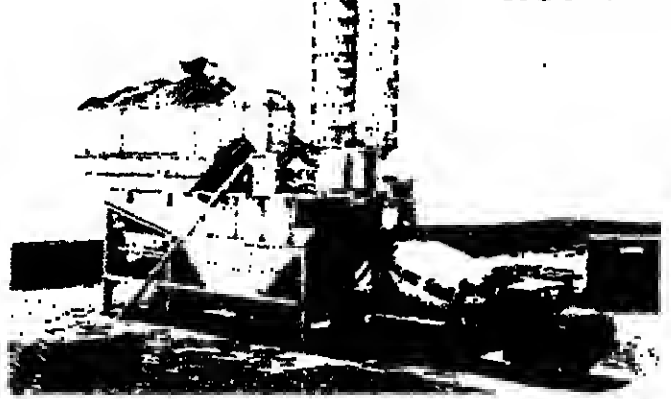
Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	CHEUNG CHAU	C.E.P.	—	—
4	STRATH CONON	KANOO	—	—
7	BARGE ON-11	BARBER LINES	—	—
10	HUGH ORRIS	KANOO	—	—
13	MARGRETHE	KANOO	—	—
14	MARESK	KANOO	—	—
15	IBN ASAKIR	KANOO	—	—
16	GABSAH	KANOO	—	—
18	BARTOLOME	A.E.T.	—	—
19	CORMORAN	KANOO	—	—
21	TRANS OCEANIA	ALGOSAIBI	—	—
22	SI VIA	ALGOSAIBI	—	—

TONNAGE DISCHARGED : 53,881

WAITING TIME : NIL

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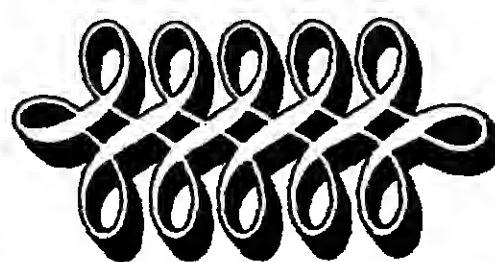


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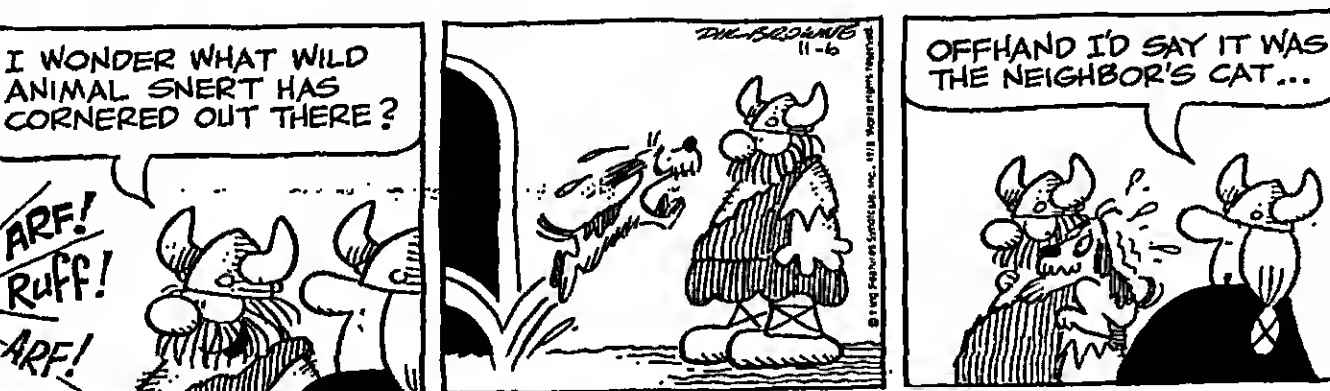
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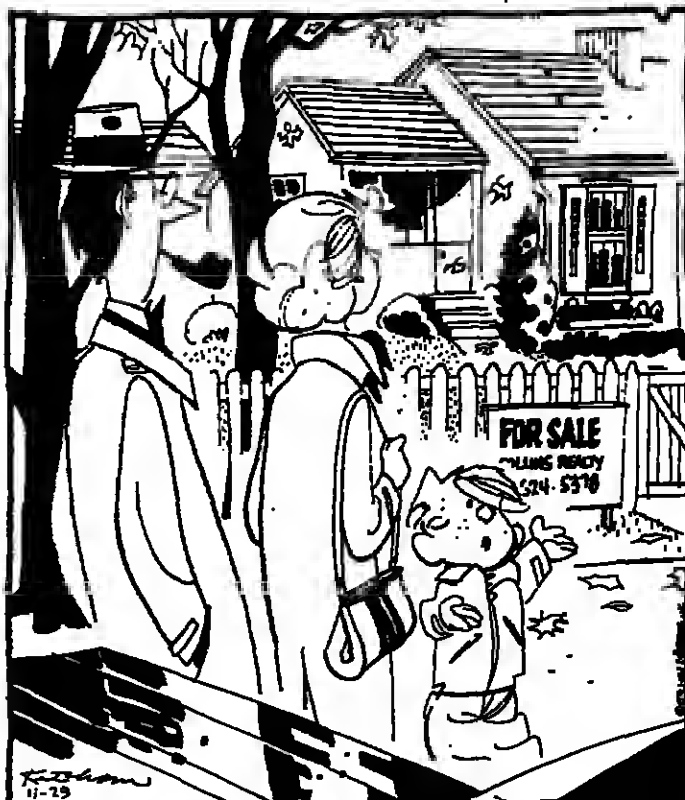
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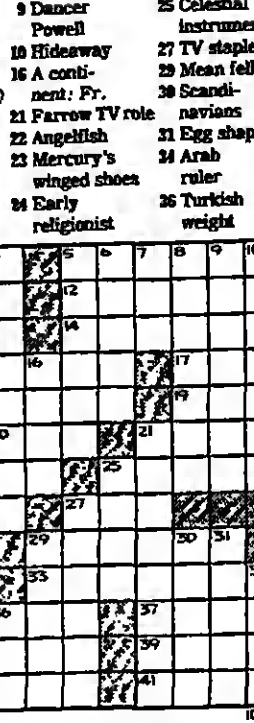
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
1. Not at all, to a post
5. Contemporary
11. Arizona city
12. Respire
13. Alibi
14. Plutocrat
15. Symbol of democracy
17. Sailor
18. Pride of a London hostess
19. Chemical suffix
20. "Symphony"
21. South Seas canoe
22. Condition
23. "The - Is a Lonely Hunter"
26. Chaplain
27. Elmer
28. Clay today
29. Actress
31. Thrash
32. Ameliorate
36. Characterized by melody
37. Baby carriage
38. Chained
39. - spasm
40. Flash house
- DOWN
1. Swedish wine measure
2. Face with stone
3. Apartment
4. What the bankrupt decorator had
5. Tight - (seesaw)
6. Sheltered bay
7. Shinto temple
8. Christ's blare
9. Dancer
10. Hideaway
11. A continent
12. Farrow TV role
13. Angel fish
14. Mercury's winged shoes
15. Early religiousist
16. Celestial instrument
17. TV staple
18. Mean fellow
19. Scandi-navian
20. Egg shaped ruler
21. Turkish weight



Yesterday's Answer



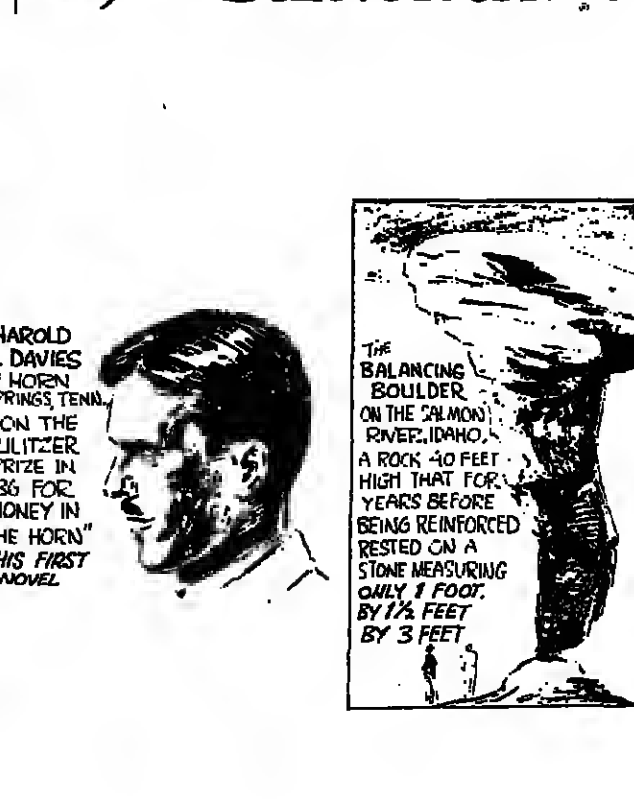
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CRYPTOQUOTES
OKKE UZNM CIXHP WHC FXJ -
XHP... UKTIQK TIQEFEDKFM
WUNILUKC XH DSK UZNXKNN
IG FXJXHP... LSICW FWTSL
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The Gerber Convention

The response to a four-card Gerber bid is simple, just as in Blackwood. A four-diamond response shows no aces; four hearts, one ace; four spades, two aces; four notrump, three aces.

Let's assume you're North, playing Gerber, and that partner bids one spade. In that case, the best response would be four clubs - because the number of aces your partner has determines how many tricks he can make. If he has three aces you have a small slam; if he has four aces you have a grand slam. Partner's high-card point count is relatively unimportant.

South's actual four spade response indicates two aces and, of course, you would pass. Note that if you use Blackwood, South's five heart response could result in down one at five spades if West, for example, had a singleton diamond to lead. An even more disconcerting response to Blackwood would be five diamonds, indicating only one ace. Missing three aces, South would wind up in five spades and almost surely go down one.

It must be said in all fairness that both conventions have advantages and disadvantages. It is probably better to use Blackwood for aces rather than Gerber - partly because the Gerber convention is not widely known - but the actual choice is all yours.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY	Fair	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:25	6:50	12:18	3:23	5:41	7:11
Medina	5:33	6:57	12:20	3:20	5:37	7:07
Nejd	4:58	6:27	11:46	2:48	5:04	6:34

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:50 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat, Heavy
5:10 Wide World Of Sports	No. 508
6:02 Waltons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wel. Bk Kotter	The Big Brother
	One Of Our Sweatshirts Is Missing
7:25 Safety Film	Take Notice
7:26 Police Woman	Death Game
8:16 That's My Mama	Cliffons Big Move
8:41 Second Run	Baxter

WEATHER

Cool air in the north western region with a subsequent drop in temperature, thick clouds and a possibility of rain with thunderstorms. Strong western winds. Warm and humid air in the central eastern region with light showers and fog in the early hours of the morning. Sea condition light to medium.

31	23	Taif	27	12
33	20	Nejran	27	12
30	17	Jizan	32	24
28	19	Tabuk	20	05
30	16	Abha	23	05

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:45 Under the Limelight	10:30 Selection of Music
2:55 Music	11:00 World of Machines
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Press Review
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story
3:15 Music	11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
3:20 Music-Machines	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:50 Close Down	12:15 In the Quiet
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analysis	12:30 VOA Magazine: America: Science: Cultural: Letter.
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	Midnight
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.
10:15 Opinion: Analysis	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6:00 Radio Newsreel
8:30 Sarah Ward	6:15 Outlook
8:45 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newsdesk	7:09 Commentary
9:30 Opera Star	7:15 Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7:45 World Today
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8:00 World News
10:30 Sarah Ward	8:09 Books and Writers
10:45 Something to Show You	8:30 Take One
11:00 World News	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:09 Reflections	9:00 World News
11:15 Piano Style	9:09 News about Britain
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:15 Radio Newsreel
12:00 World News	9:30 Farming World
12:09 British Press Review	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:15 World Today	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:30 Financial News	10:43 Look Ahead
12:40 Look Ahead	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11:00 World News
Evening Transmission	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1:15 Ulster in Focus	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
1:30 Discovery	Midnight Transmission
2:00 World News	12:15 Talkabout
2:09 News about Britain	12:45 Nature Notebook
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:00 World News
2:30 Sports International	1:09 World Today
3:00 Radio Newsreel	1:25 Financial News
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:35 Book Choice
3:45 Sports Round-up	1:40 Reflections
4:00 World News	1:45 Sports Round-up
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2:00 World News
	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Watch out for careless expenditure in the a.m. Don't let restlessness lead to temperamental behavior later. Be reserved in speech.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't get carried away by romantic possibilities in the morning hours. A close associate may be touchy about money.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It may be hard to stay on that diet right now and you may simply not be in the mood for working. Don't be flippant in your casual remarks.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) A cockeyed optimism re financial matters could lead to overspending. Romance seems thrilling, but dates may be expensive. Accent moderation.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) You may feel like royalty, but you can't really afford a thrash for the living room at present. Watch cash outlay. Protect savings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You may let the cat out of the bag when off guard today.

Blowing off steam in the p.m. may only stir up trouble at LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't pick up the tab at lunch, if your aim is to impress others with your largesse. Avoid cutting remarks, especially during working hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're susceptible to flattery today, so remain level-headed. In the afternoon, avoid acting in haste and impulsive buying.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't let hopes for the future make you neglect immediate tasks. Insisting on your own way in the p.m. could lead to a hassle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Well-intentioned friends may give you the bum steer re so investment. Be tactful in the afternoon as your words could boomerang and hurt you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Promises made over cocktails may be empty ones, particularly if they pertain to career interests. Avoid an argument with a friend about money.

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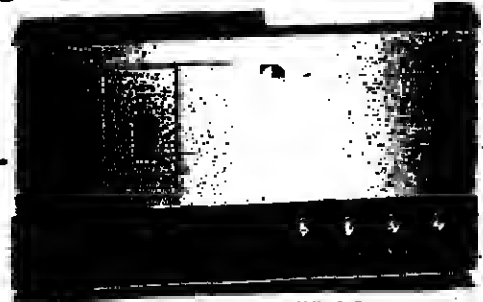
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Security forces on alert as Spaniards begin voting

MADRID, Dec. 6 (UPI)—With the army and police on alert against possible terrorist attacks, Spaniards voted Wednesday in a constitutional referendum completing the transition from dictatorship to democracy.

The polls were open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and first returns were expected late. Cool, rainy weather threatened to reduce the turnout.

A total of 25,609,222 Spaniards, including 2,482,476 18-to-21-year-olds voting for the first time, were eligible to take part.

Approval of the constitution was considered assured but government leaders said abstentions of more than 30 per cent and "no" votes of more than 10 per cent would be "worry-

ing." National police armed with submachine guns guarded police stations, public buildings, power and communications centers.

A state of alarm was declared in the four northern Basque provinces where ETA is conducting a bloody campaign for independence. More than 10 reserve companies of police and para-military Civil Guards moved in to the area.

ETA terrorists shot dead three policemen in San Sebastian on the eve of the referendum, raising the number of their assassinations to 30 since Oct. 1, later they interrupted a television program to call for rejection of the constitution.

The constitution, written

jointly by the ruling Democratic Center Union, Socialist, Communist and right-wing Popular Alliance parties, establishes a parliamentary monarchy in Spain.

It is Spain's 11th constitution since 1838 and replaces the "Fundamental Laws" under which Gen. Franco ruled from the end of the Civil War in 1939 until his death in 1975.

"Adios, Franco, adios," the newspaper "El Periodico" declared in a banner headline.

"As a politician I feel a great satisfaction at having arrived at this day on which Spaniards are going to vote on a constitution of freedoms," Premier Adolfo Suarez, 46, said as he cast his ballot at a Madrid high school.



TEA: Mrs. Rosalynn Carter welcomes Princess Basma, sister of Jordan's King Hussein, to the White House for tea Tuesday.

House to view Indira

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (R)

— The Indian Parliament will debate Thursday whether to expel, suspend, censure or merely reprimand ex-Premier Indira

Gandhi on a charge of breach of privilege of the lower house, or Lok Sabha.

The 61-year-old Mrs. Gandhi, who was returned to parliament by a stunning by-election victory last month, faces possible imprisonment and expulsion from the house.

A Parliamentary Privileges Committee found her guilty of harassing and intimidating four officials who were seeking information on a car project of her son Sanjay. Mrs. Gandhi was then Prime Minister.

But her supporters maintain that the present parliament is not competent to punish her for what she did when the previous parliament was in session.

Mrs. Gandhi has suffered setbacks in the last few weeks. She lost two important parliamentary by-elections in her power base in northern India.

Strong quake hits Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (UPI)—A strong earthquake rocked northern Japan Wednesday and the Meteorological Agency issued a tidal wave warning for the Pacific coast of Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The agency said the tremor was recorded at 11:04 p.m. (13:04 GMT). It registered four on the Japanese scale of zero to eight in Hokkaido's Obihiro City, as well as in Hachinohe City in Aomori Province on the northern tip of Honshu Island, and Morioka City in neighboring Iwate Province.

The agency said the quake was centered below the sea near Etorofu Island off Hokkaido's easternmost tip.

It registered three on the Japanese scale in Fukushima City in Fukushima Province north of Tokyo, and two in Sendai City, Miyagi Province, Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, and in Tokyo.

The quake measured "about 7.0" in preliminary estimates on the open-ended Richter Scale in Hong Kong's Royal Observatory. It termed the quake as severe.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, also

Tidal wave alert

said the quake measured a strong 7 on the Richter Scale and was centered in the southern Kurile Islands about 750 miles (1,200 km) northwest of Tokyo.

Soviet quake
Also Wednesday Italian scientists said they had registered an earthquake of possibly

"catastrophic" proportions Wednesday with its epicenter in the Soviet Union.

The scientists, at the physical institute in eastern Italy, said the quake was so violent it threw seismographic equipment out of action. The epicenter probably in the Caucasus said.

'New JDL' firebomb Egyptian envoy's car

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)

— A car with diplomatic license plates and belonging to an Egyptian was firebombed outside the man's home in New York's Bronx Borough Wednesday. A group called the New Jewish Defense League claimed responsibility.

The car belonging to Ahmad Haggag and parked across the street from his home was destroyed when it was set afire with gasoline shortly before 4:30 a.m., police said.

The male voice claiming responsibility for the attack on behalf of the Jewish group identified Haggag as "an Egyptian U.N. diplomat."

He read a statement which said: "Egyptian Dictator Sadat, who seeks Israel's extermination, should not get even one grain of Sinai sand. Never again."

Police were not immediately

able to confirm that was a diplomat at the Nations. They could not say whether he was home

time.

Viets continue Cambodia fight

BANGKOK, Dec. 6

— Vietnamese forces reported to be fighting Cambodian troops about 10 kilometers northeast of Snoul while Vietnamese planes continued their attacks inside Cambodia, sources here said Wednesday.

Earlier this week, here said Vietnamese troops had reached the east bank of the Mekong River near town of Kratie, 80 kilometers from the Vietnamese-Cambodian border.

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Kingdom

ance and national economy, commerce and petroleum and mineral resources, the communiqué said.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have reached an understanding on the adoption of joint measures to deepen and expand ties... for the realization of the desired economic integrity," the communiqué added.

The two sides agreed on "the general principles" of dividing an offshore area, opposite the partitioned zone "in a way that would define responsibilities and allow investment while preserving the rights of the two sides."

The two sides also expressed interest in facilitating the movement of their nationals between the two countries by using identity cards instead of passports.

Later Wednesday Sheikh Saad arrived in Bahrain from Jeddah on a four-day official visit and the second leg of his five-country, 19-day Gulf tour. The Gulf News Agency said Bahraini ruler Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa and other

high ranking government officials greeted the Kuwaiti leader upon his arrival at Manama Airport.

Saudi

Arabia was playing a constructive role in supporting the world economy to prevent inflation. He hoped that the position of the dollar would improve.

Meanwhile, informed sources in Damascus said Byrd will return to the Syrian capital after his visit to Saudi Arabia for a meeting he was unable to have with President Hafez Assad earlier.

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Eleven other Soviet generals took charge of field operations in the eastern, northern and western fronts to which a combined Ethiopian force of 120,000 troops has been committed, Mohammed said.

He estimated Cubans involved in active combat at 2,000 to 3,000 and said they serve mainly as tank crews and multiple rocket launching gunners in addition to flying Soviet-made MiG-21 and MiG-23 warplanes.

Sadat

between Egypt and Israel. Vance, diplomatic officials say, will carry with him a set of American ideas for getting around the snags that have halted the high level negotiations.

In Tel Aviv a top government official said Wednesday Israel intends setting up eight new settlements in the occupied West Bank.

The official said work in five new settlements would begin immediately after the expiry on December 18 of a three-month freeze on new settlements agreed by Israel at the Camp David summit last September.

Three more settlements would be put up at the beginning of next year, the official said.

Although Israel said it agreed to a freeze of only three months, the United States and Egypt had understood the standstill would last until the end of the five-year autonomy period for Palestinians on the West Bank — at which point the settlements issue would be discussed.

Altogether the government has allocated 600 million Israeli pounds (\$31 million) for settlement activity during the coming year, the official said.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who is in charge of the ministerial committee on new settlements, told reporters: "I cannot envisage the existence of Israel without settlements." Meanwhile Israeli Premier Menachem Begin insisted there "will never be a Palestinian state."

Two

ing directed at calming political tensions, and the Shah Wednesday pardoned 120 political prisoners, bringing to about 1,700 the number freed recently.

There was no indication whether Dr. Sanjani, 73, and Forouhar were among this group or whether their release was a special gesture.

Reports from reliable sources Wednesday said police have shot and killed at least 10 protesters in the northwestern town of Zanjan after a suicide squad of Muslims draped in white death shrouds attacked officers with ancient battle swords.

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